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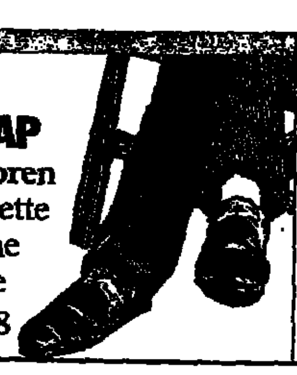

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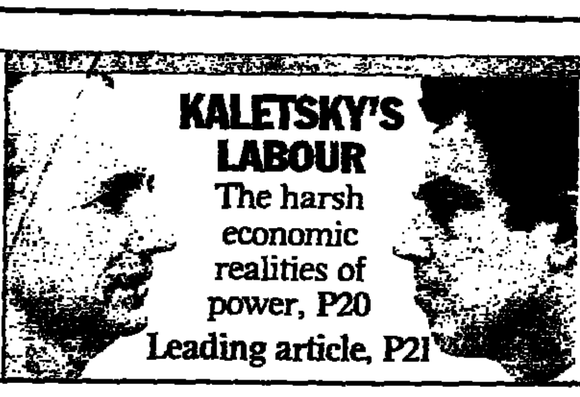

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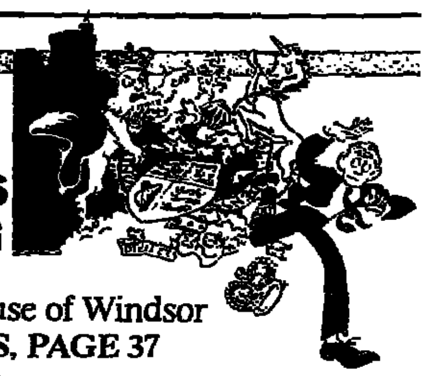


### Hezbollah was hiding behind UN base in which refugees were killed, says Peres

# Shelling goes on despite death of 94

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN BEIRUT

SHIMON Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, last night made clear that Operation Grapes of Wrath, the bombardment of Lebanon, would continue unabated despite the killing of 94 Lebanese civilians sheltering in a United Nations base near Tyre.

"What our forces did was reply to to the source of fire," he told a press conference. "The Hezbollah is traditionally trying to look for a shelter behind the lives of the civilian people, they hid themselves behind the civilians."

The Government said Katyusha rocket-launchers had been fired from an area within 300 yards of the UN compound. "The actual shooting was done by our forces," said Ehud Barak, the Foreign Minister, "but the overall responsibility lies with Hezbollah and the Government of Lebanon."

Mr Barak said the Israeli attacks could last for up to ten days. "I estimate at least a few days but it's impossible to put a limit on it," he said.

At a hastily summoned press conference last night, Israel's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, said he saw no mistake in judgment in their shelling of the UN base.

"So far as I understand the data now, I do not see any mistake in judgment. We fought Hezbollah there and when they fire on us, we will fire at them to defend ourselves. I do not know of any other rules of the game, either for the army or for civilians."

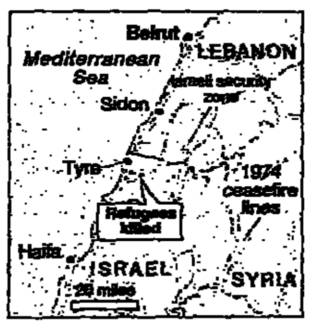
### Gunmen kill 18 tourists in Egypt

Gunmen shouting "God is great" killed 17 Greek tourists on an Easter pilgrimage and an Egyptian in a machinegun attack at the Europa Hotel in Cairo yesterday. Another 15 of the pilgrims were injured when the four gunmen opened fire. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion fell on Islamic militants ......Page 12

Hezbollah issued a statement in Beirut last night denying that it had fired rockets from near the Fijian base of the UN contingent in southern Lebanon.

Pressure for a quick diplomatic solution intensified after the deaths of the civilians, mostly women and children, who were sheltering in two prefabricated buildings. An estimated 109 people were wounded in the attack.

One of the shelters was burned out, and the doors and windows of the other were destroyed, leaving the floor strewn with the bodies of the dead and wounded.



"We're under fire," a radio operator at the Fijian-manned base near Tyre in southern Lebanon said, his voice choking: "Shells are landing on headquarters. People are dying here."

"My white rubber shoes have turned red from the blood," said Hassan Seklawi, a Lebanese who works as a liaison officer for the UN force. "I had to walk over bodies that covered the walkways at the base," he said.

A mother and her six children were also reported to have been killed during an attack on the Muslim Shia village of Nabatiyet in southern Lebanon.

The Clinton Administration last night urged all parties to show restraint but it refused to condemn Israel's action. "Fundamentally the problem is created by Katyusha attacks into northern Israel," said Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. They had created a "very dangerous situation" and "the parties ought to recognise that the way to resolve this problem is for those Katyusha attacks to be stopped".

Diplomatic sources said that Dennis Ross, the State Department's senior official involved in the Middle East, was en route to the region to try to broker a ceasefire.

Uri Dromi, the Israeli Government's chief spokesman said: "All of us regret this tragedy, but one thing has to be made perfectly clear, we do not target civilians and we do not target UN camps and positions."

Israeli commentators said that the disaster had posed major problems for Mr Peres, whose chances of winning the Israeli election on May 29 had been boosted by the earlier attacks on Lebanon.

The UN in New York confirmed that Hezbollah guerrillas had fired a volley of missiles and mortars from a position near its Fijian base 15 minutes before the Israeli attack. Sylvana Foa, the chief UN spokeswoman, said: "We were not aware there was a Hezbollah position 300 yards away."

The Israeli Defence Forces knew the precise position of all UN contingents in southern Lebanon, she said. Previous Israeli shelling near the base had been described by the Israelis as "accidental" and attributed to "equipment failure".

Expressing "shock and horror" at the attack, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General sent his top military adviser, Major-General Frank van Kappen, from New York to southern Lebanon to conduct an investigation.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said he was "gravely concerned" about the shelling. "The latest incident demonstrates the urgent need for violence in the region to be brought to an end," he said in a statement.

Just hours before the shells hit the UN post, a Lebanese mother and her seven children, one a four-day-old girl, were killed when Israeli warplanes rocketed their home. Two teenage relatives of the family died in the same attack.

Most of the casualties that flooded into Tyre's chaotic hospitals after the Israeli attack were women and children. Grief-stricken survivors picked through the rubble searching for loved ones while UN peacekeepers wept. Lebanon was gripped by a deep sense of revulsion and outrage.

The Government issued a warning that the Israeli attacks were serving only to galvanise support for the radical pro-Iranian movement which vowed to avenge the deaths. It fired rockets across the border within hours of the attack on the UN base and a spokesman said its "suicide brigades" were ready in southern Lebanon to "shake the earth under the feet of the criminal Zionists".

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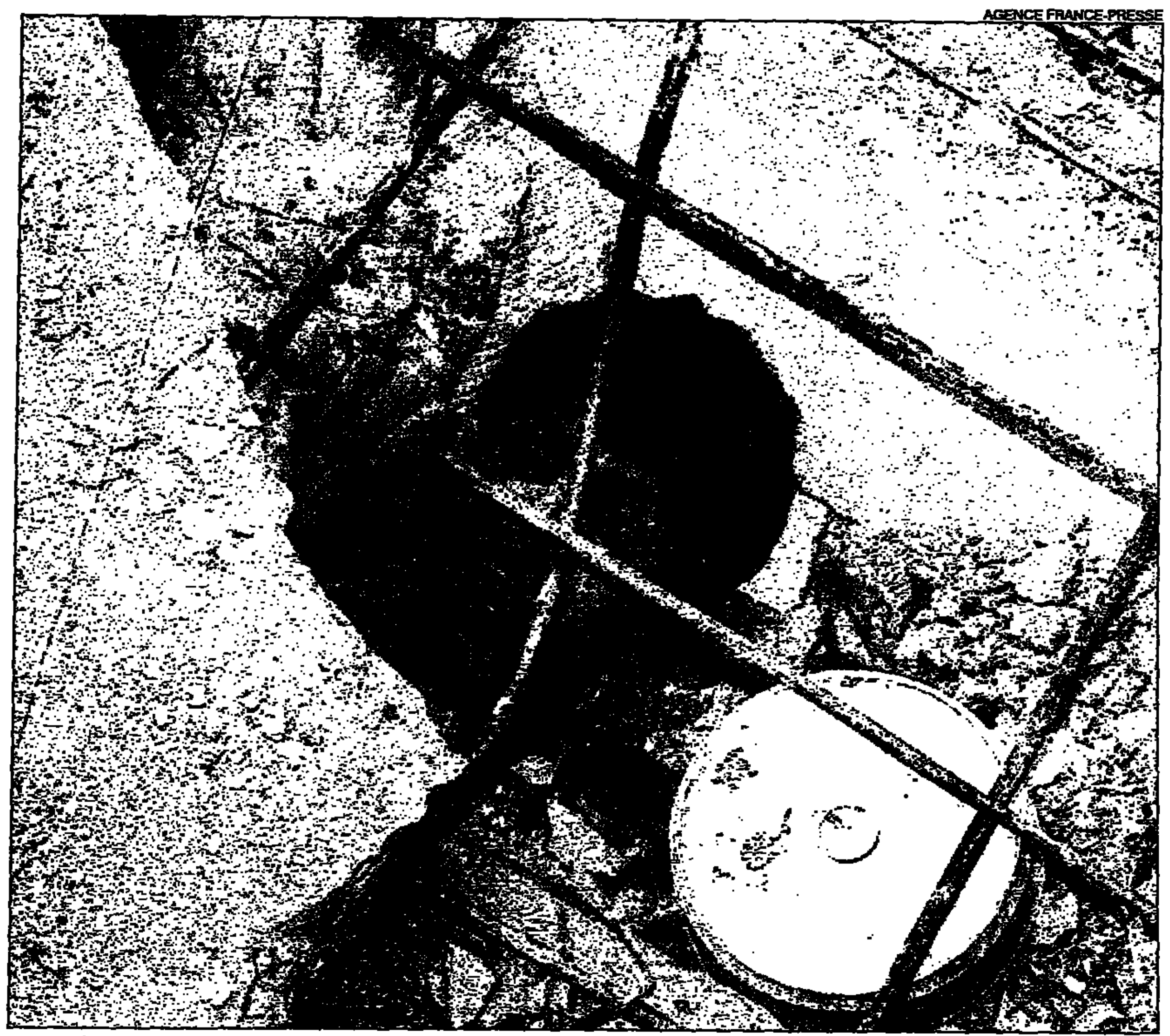

A Lebanese boy is trapped in his house bombed in yesterday's attacks. A woman and eight children were killed

# Labour to end child benefit for the over-16s

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR is poised to scrap child benefit for a million youngsters aged between 16 and 18 and transfer the £700m it costs into improving education and training for poorer families.

The move, which highlights the party's recognition of the need to make hard choices on spending to avoid tax increases, will be signalled by Gordon Brown today when he announces that a Labour government would overhaul the funding of higher education and training. The current budget is more than £9 billion.

The Shadow Chancellor will say that the review, to be conducted with David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, is part of a wider programme to create equality of opportunity.

The shift of resources would be intended to encourage more children from poorer families to stay on at school and go on to university or college.

But the policy will stress the point made consistently by Tony Blair and Mr Brown that savings must first be identified to finance new spending commitments. It also suggests that the party leadership accepts that it must show that recent overtures towards the middle classes does not mean it is putting aside its responsibilities to lower income families. The plan will almost certainly figure in Labour's election manifesto.

Mr Brown will underline that Labour's commitment to keeping child benefit universally paid to mothers remains, and that the party is still considering whether it should

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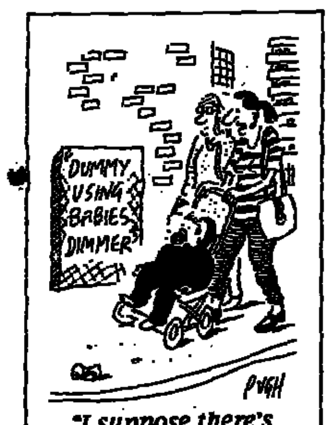

"I suppose there's always a career in the Treasury"

### Hanging vigil

The mother and sister of John Martin Scripps, the British serial killer who murdered tourists, maintained a vigil outside the Singapore prison where he was due to be hanged at dawn ......Page 5

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# Budget tax cuts are hit by £3bn setback

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JANET BUSH

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday tried to dampen expectations of a pre-election tax giveaway as government borrowing overshot official forecasts by more than £3 billion.

As the Tory Right intensified its calls for substantial tax cuts to rescue the party from electoral defeat, the Chancellor echoed John Major's caution. A day after the Prime Minister told colleagues hefty cuts would be "reckless and silly", Mr Clarke told MPs it would be wholly wrong to attempt "to buy the next election by irresponsible tax cuts".

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, added later that Mr Clarke would reduce taxes "when it can prudently be done".

While all MPs think the Government will make some tax cuts in November, a concerted attempt is under way to depress expectations, mainly because figures released yesterday suggest any scope will be severely limited. Some experts even say there is no case for any autumn cuts.

Mr Major has been making clear for some time that a last-minute giveaway would not convince voters and could damage the economy.

Yesterday's borrowing figures even prompted some economists to argue that the package of tax cuts announced last November, and imple-

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# Portillo apology to dead girl's parents

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, has written a private letter of condolence to the parents of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide, expressing the shame felt by the Army at her killing by three drunken British soldiers in Cyprus.

Ministry sources also indicated yesterday that any claim for compensation by the couple for her death should be directed through the British Ambassador in Copenhagen.

The developments are expected to satisfy the wishes of Poul and Anette Jensen who protested through *The Times* that they had received neither apology nor an offer of compensation since the three Royal Green Jackets were sentenced to life imprisonment three weeks ago. Through an intermediary, Morten Larsen, they had protested to the Prime Minister about the official silence after the convictions.

In a separate move, Nicholas Soames, the armed forces minister, has written to *The Times* saying: "we all share in the agony which will be felt by Miss Jensen's parents".

He adds: "I offer to Miss Jensen's grieving parents, family and friends, on behalf of the Government and all British forces, my heartfelt sympathy and regret." The Army would not tolerate "anything less than the highest possible standards of behaviour".

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# Dim prospects for babies who suck dummies

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BABIES given dummies grow up dumber than average, a new study has shown.

Researchers from Southampton University stumbled on the link when trying to establish whether breast-feeding affects intelligence. They could find no such link, but were startled to discover that of all the factors that may be linked to a child's intelligence, the use of dummies was the strongest.

There are many possible reasons. One is that dummies pacify infants so successfully that they become less receptive to outside stimuli. Another is that parents whose babies use dummies do not interact sufficiently with them. Or it may simply be that dummies are used by less intelligent parents who, on average, will have less intelligent children.

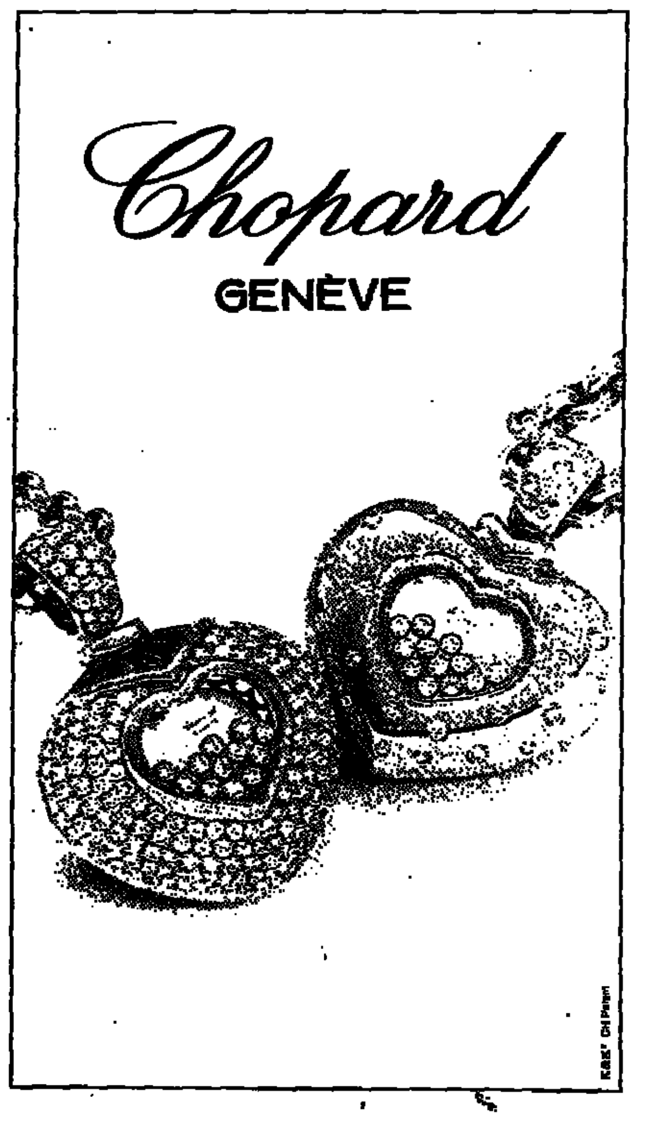
The research involved testing the IQ of nearly 1,000 men and women born in Hertfordshire between 1920 and 1930. An unusually diligent team of health visitors kept exhaustive records of these babies. Catharine Gale and Christopher Martyn, from the Medical Research Council's Environmental Epidemiology Unit at Southampton, report in *The Lancet* that they compared the IQ of the adults with details about their treatment as infants.

In the test subjects were given marks out of 50. The participants scored an average of about 22 or 23, but those who had sucked dummies scored an average 3.5 points less.

"Babies who had dummies were more likely to come from lower social classes and larger families, but even when these factors were screened out dummy use was still a very strong predictor," Ms Gale said.

Earlier studies suggested that breast-feeding did have an effect on IQ. In the Hertfordshire group, those who had been breast-fed showed a slightly higher IQ — 22.3, on average, compared with 21.5 — but when the results were corrected for other variables, the link disappeared.

In a commentary in the same journal, William and Mark Feldman, of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, say: "The best evidence is that intelligent, loving and caring mothers are more likely to have intelligent children, irrespective of how they feed their babies."



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# Heseltine — a model mayor for London

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

*Turn again, Heseltine,*
*Thou worthy citizen,*
*Lord Mayor of London.*

MICHAEL HESELTINE told MPs yesterday that, if invited to serve as elected Mayor of London, he was ready to answer the call.

The extraordinary announcement appears to have been made off the cuff and without Cabinet consultation — but that's what you risk when you let the PM slip away to the Ukraine. In Mr Major's place at Prime Minister's Questions sat his stand-in, Mr Heseltine. Opposite sat Labour's own second-in-command, John Prescott.

The ash-blonde Deputy Prime Minister had swept in minutes earlier buoyed by his description in a new Conservative propaganda sheet, *Look!*, a sort of Tory *Pravda* clutched in the sweaty palms of half the government benches yesterday. In its fashion centre-pages ("*It's hats off to British fashion!*") *Look!* had described Heseltine as the "guiding light" in the re-emergence of the industry.

Whether it was as exemplar, fashion model or political beacon that Heseltine is proving such an inspiration on the catwalks of Britain was unclear but, with only the disco music missing, our ministerial supermodel stalked to his place, executed a half-turn and reclined on the bench, looking too sexy for his shirt, and ready for anything.

Eat your heart out, John Prescott. This was Tony Blair's deputy's first chance to demonstrate his middle-class credentials in the Chamber. He started well. "Remember that shrewd analysis in 1990 ..." Prescott began.

"Shrewd analysis" indeed! This was definitely lounge bar stuff. Not for the public bar or darts board was a phrase like "shrewd analysis". You cannot imagine John Prescott, the former seamen's union shop steward, mounting the dockside crate to declare: "Here, brothers, is my shrewd analysis of the scabs' betrayal."

So far so good, but he spoilt it. So carried away was Prescott by shrewd analysis that after a few seconds he began to shout (to cheers): "Dump Major!". Perhaps aware that he had compromised his middle-classness, Prescott overcompensated wildly, prattling excitedly about an editorial in *The Daily Telegraph* — "the middle-class bible", he explained.

Sorry, but you cannot proceed straight from the *Daily Mirror* to *The Daily Telegraph* without passing through the *Daily Mail* on the way. A decent pause with a middle-market tabloid might lend credibility to Mr Prescott's upwardly mobile route map.

Meanwhile, what of Michael Heseltine, a man whose own class pretensions Alan Clark has lampooned with the observation that he looks like the kind of man who buys his own furniture? Everybody knows Mr Heseltine wanted to be Prime Minister, and tried hard for the job. Twice at least he thought he had it in his grasp. Twice he failed. Like Dick Whittington and his cat he has seemed of late to be plodding towards the horizon, knapsack over shoulder, defeated.

But, said Labour's David Jamieson (Plymouth, Devonport) yesterday, Heseltine loved inventing new titles. So what did he think of the title of Mayor — elected — of London?

To MPs' astonishment the Deputy Prime Minister took this as an offer. "I'd have to consider it," he said, thoughtfully.

President of the Board of Trade, Deputy Prime Minister, supermodel, and now Lord Mayor of London? Turn again, Heseltine. All he needs now is a spotted handkerchief and Humphrey, the Downing Street cat.

# Blunkett pledges to scrap Tories' nursery vouchers

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

LABOUR is promising to scrap the nursery voucher scheme if it wins the next election. But vouchers already issued to four-year-olds will be honoured.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, told a news conference in London yesterday that Labour would expect to give all four-year-olds an entitlement to free nursery education within 18 months of coming to power. The £185 million new money earmarked for vouchers would fund the necessary expansion.

Under Labour's scheme, local authorities would buy some places in private nurseries and voluntary playgroups. But the timing of a new government guarantee for four-year-olds would depend on the demand for places and number of vouchers redeemed outside the state system.

Mr Blunkett would not be drawn on how long it would take to fulfil his more ambitious promise of nursery education for all three-year-olds. Labour would draw up targets once in office, but these would depend on the time required to train the nursery teachers and other staff.

Opposition parties have attacked the bureaucracy of the Government's voucher scheme, which was launched this week in Norfolk and three London boroughs. Some £20 million of the new money will go on administration and inspection.

Most of the £565 million needed to fund vouchers when the scheme goes nationwide next year is being clawed back from local authority budgets allocated for preschool education. The authorities will only get the money back when parents prefer their nurseries to private or voluntary provision.

Mr Blunkett said local authorities were expected to foot the bill for a wasteful and unnecessarily complex system. "This will have a devastating impact on current provision, with experienced teachers being laid off."

Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, accused Labour of misleading parents over the voucher scheme and of having no fully costed plans. "Labour is frightened of giving parents the power to choose what is best for their children."

The Pre-School Learning Alliance, which represents thousands of voluntary playgroups, also attacked Labour's plans. Margaret Lochrie, the chief executive, said vouchers were not ideal but did provide urgently-needed financial help for those not served by local authorities.

Mrs Lochrie said: "There is a paradox at the heart of Labour's nursery campaign. On the one hand, Labour pledges its commitment to work in partnership with the voluntary sector and other providers. However, at the same time, there is a clear inference that provision that does not take place in schools is of low quality."

# Child benefit plan

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be taxed for higher rate taxpayers.

Child benefit is paid to eligible children aged 16 and over if they stay on at school. However, the Institute for Fiscal Studies has reported that 80 per cent of children with unskilled parents leave school at 16.

Mr Blair and Mr Brown have told colleagues that they must face the tough choices now rather than wait till they get into Government. Mr Blair heralded the move at this week's Shadow Cabinet, when he told colleagues that if they lost the education battle they would also lose the economic one.

Mr Brown will make his announcement when he delivers the John Smith memorial lecture at Edinburgh University. It will be the first of a series of speeches by him and Mr Blair over the next ten days in which they will stress that Labour's plans to tackle economic failure and insecurity requires an active government to help people cope with change.

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The unusual photograph taken on the Isle of Wight by Charles Knight

# Rare royal smile sells for £140

A RARE photograph showing Queen Victoria smiling was sold for £140 at auction yesterday.

Charles Knight managed to record the happy moment during Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. She was visiting Newport on the Isle of Wight where Knight had a photographic business.

Originally the picture also showed the Queen's daughter Princess Beatrice and her son-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse. It was cropped and sold as a postcard. The copy sold yesterday at Ewbanks in Send, Surrey, was an original kept by Knight and handed down through his family. It was bought by a private collector.

In New York yesterday a signed photo of Victoria and Prince Albert thought to date from 1861 fetched £1,675.

## Lack of winter rain hits water supplies

**Water companies warned yesterday that water shortages were likely this summer because of the lack of winter rainfall. The warning came after Lord Crickhowell, the former chairman of the National Rivers Authority, advised consumers to start economising on water now or face shortages. He said it would be "extraordinarily foolish to express confidence about the water situation this summer".**

**Reservoirs were very low and any attempt to stop water leakage would not be effective in the time available, he said. "There is therefore a real need ... to attempt saving and to be economical with water because the only alternative is to take water from the rivers — with real environmental damage resulting." The Water Services Association, which represents the ten major water companies, said the unusually dry winter weather was giving cause for concern. A spokeswoman said: "We really do need substantial rainfall to make up the deficit, especially in the north and north-west regions. Manchester, for example, has been drier over the last few months than Madrid or Majorca."**

## Solicitors lose contract

**Solicitors representing 965 people claiming to suffer from Gulf War syndrome learnt yesterday that the contract to lead the compensation case against the Ministry of Defence will go to another firm. Donn & Co of Manchester had been involved in the legal battle for compensation for Gulf War veterans since 1991 but last year the contract was put out for tender by the Legal Aid Board and in August 1995 was awarded to Dawbarns of King's Lynn, Norfolk. A re-examination of the two tenders has upheld the decision.**

## Tanker inquiry refused

**The Government has refused to hold a public inquiry into the Sea Empress oil tanker accident off Milford Haven in February despite requests from 74 organisations. In a Commons reply, Steven Norris, a transport minister, told the Plaid Cymru MP Cynog Dafis: "We believe that the investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Board into the grounding and the subsequent salvage operations is the most effective and rapid means of determining the facts and any lessons which need to be learnt."**

## Second murder arrest

**A second man has been arrested in connection with the murder in Leeds of Stevan Popovic, 74, a former Yugoslav resistance fighter, Leeds magistrates were told yesterday. Clive Jones, 25, of Gipton, Leeds, who denies murder, was appearing in court for the second time when his solicitor gave news of the development. Police later confirmed that a number of people were being questioned about Mr Popovic's murder, but that no one else had been charged. The hearing was adjourned.**

## Student drugs concern

**Seven out of ten colleges responding to a survey by the Further Education Development Agency reported drug-related incidents over the past year. More than a third considered drug-taking among students to be a serious problem, although they said that alcohol was causing greater concern. The survey, answered by more than half of the 450 colleges, showed that 75 per cent of agricultural colleges had experienced incidents attributable to drugs.**

## Paternal blues

**Postnatal depression affects men as well as women and treatment should be considered for both sexes, Dr Malcolm George, a neuroscientist at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, said yesterday. Studies show that as many as one in ten fathers may be affected. However, the cause of the depression is different. In women it is known to be linked to hormonal changes after birth. Men may then "catch" the depression from their partners.**

## Operations cancelled

**The number of hospital operations cancelled at the last minute has risen to 52,000, according to a parliamentary answer obtained by Labour. The total, for the first three quarters of 1995-96, has outstripped that for the whole of 1994-95, when 48,000 operations were cancelled. The rise was highest in the third quarter, up by 22 per cent nationally compared with the same period a year earlier. In the South Thames region the rise was 90 per cent.**

## Animals stop the post

**Royal Mail postmen and women were attacked 5,891 times by animals last year, with about 99 per cent carried out by dogs, the Government has disclosed. The injuries resulted in the loss of 4,817 working days. There were also 143 attacks by animals on Parcelforce delivery staff, with a total of 63 working days lost, Phillip Oppenheim, the junior Trade and Industry Minister, said in a Commons written reply.**

# Judge 'reluctantly' denies housing for asylum seekers

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ASYLUM seekers were dealt a fresh blow yesterday by a High Court ruling that they cannot claim council housing while waiting to hear if they are granted refugee status.

But, in a highly unusual move, Mr Justice Popplewell admitted he made his ruling — which affects up to 30,000 people a year now stripped of welfare benefits under the Government's crackdown — with "reluctance" and "some considerable doubt". The judge said he had asked Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls and head of the Court of Appeal civil division, for an appeal to be heard as a matter of urgency.

The ruling was immediately condemned by refugee charities, who said people fleeing from persecution would have to choose between returning to the country where their lives are in danger — "or staying in the UK as beggars of the worst kind".

The judge ruled that four friendless and penniless refugees, deprived of emergency welfare help under social security regulations designed to curb bogus asylum claims, were not entitled to housing as "vulnerable" people under the 1985 Housing Act.

Asylum seekers were now being left on the streets "with nowhere to go and nothing to obtain food or nourishment", he said. The judge added he had been told: "They cannot get blankets or anything to keep themselves warm. They simply have the clothes they arrived in, and that is the extent of their belongings."

The judge said the four applicants for judicial review had argued that their destitute position amounted to a "special reason" why they should be helped. But he declared that it could not, under housing law, amount to a special reason, as this category only covered victims of floods, fire or some other similar emergency.

The four applicants were Joseph Kihara, a Kenyan said to have fled to the UK in February after being tortured; Lidya Araya, an Ethiopian who also arrived in February; Dragomir Pavlov, a Bulgarian who arrived in March, and Telekeja Ilunga-Ilunga, who fled from Zaire.

Regulations introduced in February by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, ban people who fail to apply for asylum immediately on arrival in Britain from receiving income support, housing benefit or from enjoying any part of the welfare "safety net". They are also prevented from working for six months.

Pending their appeal against the ruling, the four legally-aided applicants will be temporarily housed by the authorities which refused them accommodation and opposed their application for judicial review.

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# Prison criticised over suicide wife

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SUICIDAL woman killed herself within two hours of being admitted to Holloway Prison because staff were negligent and left her alone, an inquest jury decided yesterday.

Claire Bosley, remanded in custody last November for killing her husband, stuffed paper tissues down her throat and choked. She had made at least three attempts to kill herself while being held by police. The prison was given a written warning that she should be supervised.

But during a three-day inquest at the City of London Coroner's Court a jury was told that the warning was virtually ignored. Mrs Bosley, 34, was left in a holding area where a two-way mirror had been fitted back to front by mistake so she could not be watched.

Prison officers also failed to monitor closed-circuit television cameras and there was no videotape inside them. Mrs Bosley lay dead in a lavatory cubicle for up to an hour.

Yesterday, after the jury returned the unusual verdict of "suicide contributed to by neglect", Paul Matthews, the Deputy Coroner, said: "Action should be taken to prevent this sort of thing happening again. This was a sad and tragic case." He would have reported the findings to the authorities but the prison's deputy governor was in court.

During the inquest Pauline Martindale, a senior prison officer specialising in dealing with potential suicides, admitted that she had read quickly a police form warning that Mrs Bosley was a suicide risk, but had missed the words "required constant supervision" at the bottom.

Many prisoners arrived with the form and proved to be all right, she said. Her assessment was that Mrs Bosley was not a major risk.

A Prison Service spokesman said the death was regretted. Investigations were started immediately and many recommendations were being implemented. These included changes to the reception procedures and others requiring longer-term actions.

Mike Ainsworth, deputy governor of Holloway, said no disciplinary action had been taken, but he would now consider whether Miss Martindale would remain a suicide awareness trainer.

# Navy show sinks to four warships

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NAVY DAY at Portsmouth will be a pale shadow of its former self this year with only four frontline warships on show for the public and not an aircraft carrier in sight.

The size of the mini-fleet has so shocked the local council that the chairman of the Portsmouth leisure committee called yesterday for the event to be scrapped rather than sink into oblivion.

Mavis Southwell said she was astonished when it was announced that only four warships could make it for Navy Day which will run from May 25-27. "It is like an old actor or actress taking cheap little parts just to keep going, it is far better to go when you are at the height of your glory than carry on like that," she said.

The number of ships available has been cut back in recent years but this is thought to be the smallest offering since the annual event began more than a century ago. A decade ago, more than 100,000 people turned out to go aboard 19 warships.

The four main warships on show will be two Type 23 frigates, *HMS Westminster* and *HMS Richmond*, and the Type 42 destroyers, *HMS Exeter* and *HMS Gloucester*. They will be joined by a survey vessel and two minehunters. The Germans, Belgians and French are also sending ships. The only submarine on show will be a German U17.

A spokesman for the Royal Navy said that next month two thirds of the fleet would either be on operations or exercises, or preparing to go. The three aircraft carriers were all engaged elsewhere: *HMS Illustrious* on the Purple Star exercise in the United States, *HMS Invincible* on a two-week notice to go back to the Adriatic and *HMS Ark Royal* in a state of extended readiness, a form of mothballing with minimum crew.

The spokesman said only fully-manned warships were sent to the event because it was an invaluable recruiting occasion.

The Navy's dilemma is that seven warships and a submarine are involved in the Purple Star exercise, including the veteran assault ship, *HMS Fearless*. A Navy spokesman said: "We are heavily committed around the world and we have a smaller fleet than we did ten years ago."

# Tax setback

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mented at the beginning of this month, were not justified.

The Government borrowed £9.6 billion in March, taking the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement — the Budget deficit — to £32.2 billion for the whole financial year — £3.2 billion higher than the Chancellor forecast in the Budget.

His panel of independent forecasters recently expressed concern about calls for November tax cuts, three out of six members arguing that, if anything, the right policy would be to raise taxes.

Yesterday, the City joined the chorus of voices urging caution. Geoffrey Dicks of NatWest Markets said: "With hindsight we can question the validity of the tax cuts that have just been implemented."

There was no shortage of culprits. Tax revenues were weaker than the Treasury had forecast. Corporation taxes were £1.25 billion below target, and there were shortfalls of £750 million each on income taxes and VAT receipts.

The Chancellor received some good news with a cut in German interest rates. Separate encouraging figures yesterday showed British headline inflation unchanged at 2.7 per cent in March and underlying inflation steady at 2.9 per cent.

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# Black teenager 'murdered by race-hate gang'

By Richard Duce

A TEENAGER was stabbed to death by a gang of white youths simply because he was black, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. Stephen Lawrence, 18, was surrounded by up to six attackers as he waited for a bus to take him home in southeast London almost three years ago.

Michael Mansfield, QC, for the prosecution, said: "There can be no mistaking that this was an unprovoked, unwarranted attack by those who held not just racist views but racist views that involved the desecration of those who are black by injury and possibly death."

He told the jury: "There was no other reason for this attack, which was swift and merciless and vicious. The assailants disappeared into the night. The reason he was set upon by this group was because of his skin — he was black.

"Stephen struggled a few yards up the road, collapsed and was dead within half an hour. This was a group attack — they approached together, attacked together and disappeared together."

Stephen bled to death after he was stabbed twice near the bus stop in Eltham on the night of April 22, 1993.

Stephen Lawrence: died after bus-stop stabbing

Mr Mansfield was opening the prosecution of three youths accused of 18-year-old Stephen's killing in Eltham, southeast London. Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen, who were in court yesterday, brought a private prosecution against them. It is only the fourth such prosecution of its kind in the past 130 years.

Neil Acourt, 20, and Luke Knight, 19, both from Eltham, and Gary Dobson, 20, from Bromley, Kent, deny murder.

Stephen was attacked while with his friend Dwayne Brooks, who managed to escape. "One got away and lives to tell the tale, but the other didn't," Mr Mansfield said.

He told the all-white jury of seven men and five women: "Stephen Lawrence was at Bluecoat School in southeast London doing what many ordinary young people do, just going to school and continuing his studies. What he didn't know was that it was going to be his last day at school."

Mr Mansfield described how the two friends went to see one of Stephen's relatives after school. At about 10pm they caught a bus towards their homes and then got off to wait for another to complete the journey. Mr Brooks, 21, told the jury he then walked down the road because no bus appeared to be coming. Stephen followed behind and then moved in front of him.

He said there was a gang of white youths on the opposite side of the road and one of them shouted: "What, what nigger?"

The youths then ran across the road and surrounded Stephen. His friend described how Stephen appeared to be stabbed once before falling to the ground. "Blood was running out on the floor," Mr Brooks said.

Stephen then managed to run some 130 yards before he collapsed in the street and Mr Brooks called an ambulance. Stephen was certified dead at hospital.

Earlier Mr Mansfield showed the jury a kitchen knife with an 8in blade that was found in a street near by. He said it could not be proved to be the murder weapon, but was similar to the knife used to inflict the 4in deep stab wounds that Stephen suffered.

Alexandra Marie, a witness, said she was at the bus stop and saw the two boys talking. "They seemed cheerful. One of them was trying to practise a few steps of dance — discreetly, not to show off," she said. "There were some other young people who arrived — they were white."

She heard a noise and saw one of the "coloured men on the ground and then white ones who were hitting him and leaning over him". She added that Stephen's friend had run up and shouted: "Run, Steve, run." Stephen had got up and crossed the road. "He had tried to protect himself. But not to fight or hit," she said.

Joseph Shepherd, who lived on the same estate as Stephen and knew him by sight, saw the attack. In a statement read out to the court by the prosecution, Mr Shepherd said he had watched the black boys as they walked along the road and encountered the group of white youths. "I heard the white youths say something to Stephen Lawrence."

The black boys were about ten yards in front of the group when they turned round to face them, Mr Shepherd said. "Suddenly the youths charged at Stephen and his mate. They were shouting and cheering. They didn't stand a chance," he said.

The hearing continues on Monday.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Neville and Doreen Lawrence arriving yesterday for the case against three youths accused of their son's murder

# School mourns love-rift teacher

By Stephen Farrell

PUPILS and staff at a comprehensive school yesterday mourned the apparent suicide of a geography tutor whose wife ran off with the music teacher.

Nigel Harper-Tarr, 44, was found dead in a fume-filled car on Sunday, two days before summer term began. Friends believe the father of four could not face seeing his wife, Pauline, with her new lover. All three taught at Magdalen College School in Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Mrs Harper-Tarr, a special needs teacher, began an affair with Steve Pogson, 43, the music teacher, on a school trip. She subsequently moved out of the family home.

Elaine Wotherspoon, the head teacher, refused to discuss the personal circumstance behind the tragedy, but issued a statement saying: "The governors, staff, students and parents have all been devastated by the tragic news. Such a popular and highly respected colleague will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his family at this time."

Mrs Harper-Tarr declined to comment yesterday. She and Mr Pogson have been granted compassionate leave.

Mrs Wotherspoon broke the news to pupils at a special assembly on Tuesday. Parents were told by letter. An inquest was opened and adjourned by the Northamptonshire Coroner on Wednesday.

# Student sues law firm for £2m over family will

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

BRITAIN'S biggest law firm is being sued by a student on legal aid for a larger share of a £50 million family will.

Dominic Trusted, 22, an Old Etonian, has filed a £2 million negligence claim against Clifford Chance, the second largest law firm in the world.

He claims the firm was negligent in failing to finalise the revised will of his great-uncle Eric Hopton before he died childless in January 1991 aged 72, ten months after a heart attack.

Trusted: received only £50,000 from great-uncle

Mr Trusted received £50,000 under the terms of his great-uncle's will drawn up in 1984, with the balance of the estate after legacies going to Mr Hopton's nephews, Christopher and Nicholas Hopton.

Mr Trusted, of Belgravia, central London, claims that Clifford Chance and one of its partners, David Bowyer, were negligent.

Lawyers for Mr Trusted say the firm should have processed the new will more quickly. David Oliver, QC, for Mr Trusted, told Mr Justice Parker that a series of drafts of a new will were drawn up but were not executed when Mr Hopton died.

Mr Oliver said that after Mr Hopton's death, lengthy negotiations culminated in a deed of family arrangement in January 1993, under which Mr Trusted and his brother received substantial benefit. Mr Trusted is suing for the difference between what he received and what he would have received under the new will.

The court was told that Mr Bowyer went on a three-month sabbatical from August to November 1990 and Mr Hopton was happy to leave the amendments until his return. Mr Bowyer gave emergency contact numbers and thought it wise that Mr Hopton should ponder the proposed changes for a few months.

By the autumn, it was clear that Mr Hopton's health was unlikely to improve and that another attack would be fatal, the court was told. By December, Mr Bowyer had begun "putting pen to paper" on the new will, and a second draft had been sent to Mr Hopton by Christmas. He was expecting to go through the amendments when his client returned to London from Devon on January 5.

On January 2, Mr Bowyer was advised by Christopher Hopton not to send his great-uncle any letters that might worry him, but to wait for the meeting. But the next day Mr Hopton was admitted to hospital and died ten days later.

The firm and Mr Bowyer deny acting in breach of duty, and say the instructions they received were not sufficient to enable the will to be completed more quickly.

# School takes pot luck in farm-goat swap

A SCHOOL struck a pot of gold when teachers swapped a goat for a vase made by a local potter. While the goat was valued at a few pounds when the deal was made in 1970, the vase is now valued at up to £30,000.

Writhlington secondary school in Radstock, Somerset, plans to sell the pot by the internationally-renowned potter Hans Coper at Sotheby's on May 7 to raise money for a new sports hall.

His widow, Jane, 64, said yesterday that she had asked the school for a kid from its farm after the couple moved into a derelict house at Frome. "Hans offered to pay for the goat, but the teacher in charge wouldn't accept any money for it. In the end, he just said: 'Oh, just give me a pot.' Of course, at the time he was not to know that a pot by Hans Coper was worth a lot more than a goat."

Simon Cottle, Sotheby's ceramics specialist, said: "The school got the bargain of a lifetime."

# Old tortoise has a rude awakening

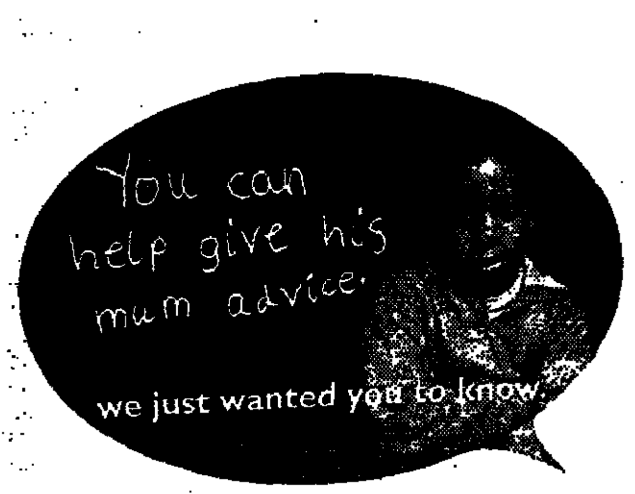
By Oliver August

A 100-year-old tortoise has been stolen from a garden after waking from hibernation. Joey emerged from the greenhouse to enjoy the spring weather when he was unhooked from his lead, most likely to be sold on the black market.

Lynne Meadows, 46, Joey's owner, had only left him unattended for a few minutes at her home in Chalford, Gloucestershire. He had been in the family for 60 years. "I couldn't believe it when I saw the string and hook with no tortoise on the end," she said. "He's definitely been stolen because he could not have got off the hook on his own and the string is not broken."

Tortoises have became a popular target for thieves since an import ban was imposed in 1985. Prices have soared to £300 for each creature and zoos and pet shops have repeatedly been burgled. The RSPCA has devised security measures to combat tortoise theft, one of Britain's fastest-growing crimes. It advises owners that photographing their distinctive bellies, marking the shells in invisible ink and having microchips implanted in their legs to prove identity.

Tortoises, once common, are now rare in northern Europe. The ban was imposed after a public outcry over the way they were shipped to Britain in baskets.



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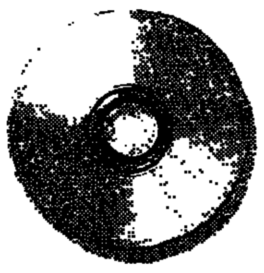

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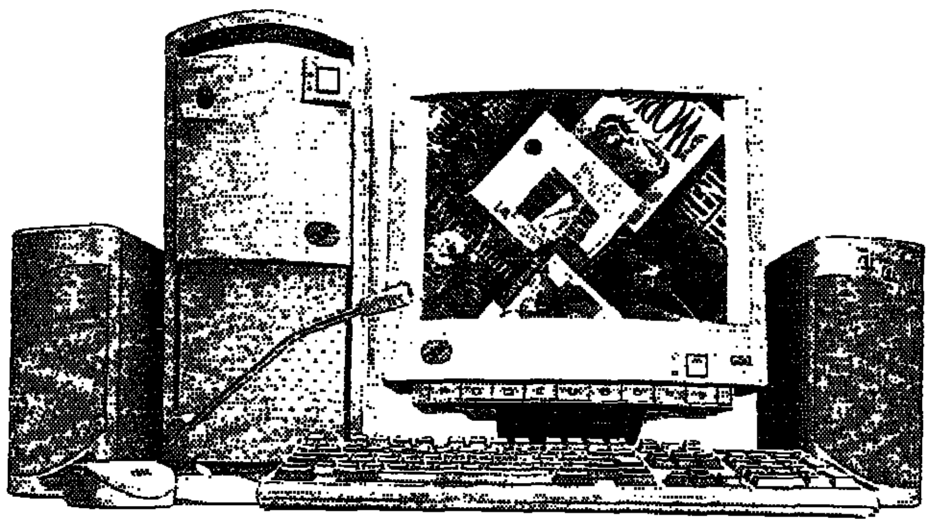

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# Family stage Singapore hanging vigil for killer who dismembered his victims

BY ANDREW DRUMMOND AND JOANNA BALE

THE mother and sister of John Martin Scripps, the British serial killer who murdered tourists for their credit cards and cash, maintained a vigil outside a Singapore prison last night as he was due to be hanged at dawn.

Jean Scripps, from Sandown, Isle of Wight, and her daughter Janet, from Bengeo, Hertfordshire, said their final farewells to the 36-year-old murderer during a visit yesterday afternoon. They left, visibly distressed, after being told that they could return today to inspect his body.

Scripps, who chopped up his victims with a butcher's knife, was scheduled to be executed in Changi jail at 6am local time — 11pm in Britain. In a semi-literate scrawl on a scrap of paper, he wrote that he gave himself to a God who had betrayed him. He wrote: "You may take my life for what it is worth, but grant thows I love, pease and happiness".

In prison Scripps had also written an account of how he escaped his own hanging to fall into the arms of his mother and sister, but yesterday there appeared to be little chance of a reprieve.

As the two women left the prison after their final visit, they declined to say whether Scripps had at last admitted murdering the Briton Timothy MacDowall, who went missing in Central America after Scripps had milked his bank accounts in London. Scripps, a convicted drugs trafficker who has two uncles in jail for murder, was due to become the first Briton to be executed in Singapore since the country was given independence.

Before his death Scripps, whose only love outside his family was his Mexican ex-wife, Maria Arellanos, summed up his life in a misspelt epitaph: "One day poor. One day reach. Money filds the pane of huger but what will fill the emteness inside I know that love is beyond me. So do I give myself to god. The god that has betrad me. Can I be a person again? Only time well tell me." Earlier he had requested 11 books to read before he died, including *War and Peace*, *Darkness at Noon* and *The Holy Sinner*.

Yesterday journalists were banned from the prison environs, including Changi Prison Museum, a popular tourist spot. The Singapore Government was not expected to make an announcement before 9am local time.

Before she left Britain, Mrs Scripps said: "These bastards have no right to take my son's life. I brought him into the world. I am the only person who can take him out of it."

Scripps was sentenced to death after being convicted of the murder of a South African, Gerard Lowe, in an hotel in Singapore in March last year. The court was told that Scripps, who learnt butchery while in Albany Prison on the Isle of Wight, chopped up Mr Lowe, a chemical engineer with South African Breweries, and placed the parts in black plastic rubbish bags which he threw into Singapore harbour.

Maria Arellanos: eloped with Scripps when 15

He was also named in Thailand as the murderer of Sheila and Darin Damude, a Canadian woman and her son, whose bodies were found in woodland and at a quarry on the Thai holiday island of Phuket.

Like Gerard Lowe, their misfortune was to travel the same holiday route as Scripps, who posed as a bumbling tourist while secretly plotting their murders. Scotland Yard also believes that Scripps murdered Timothy MacDowall, 28, a financial adviser from south London who disappeared while in holiday in Mexico and Belize. Papers found on Scripps when he was arrested showed that he had milked Mr MacDowall's bank account in London of £13,000.

Scripps has spent the past few months in jail writing letters and reading in his small cell, where the light was kept on 24 hours a day and his movements were monitored by camera.

He was born in Hertford on December 9, 1959. His father, Leonard, was a London lorry driver. He committed suicide when Scripps was eight years old and Scripps found the body.

His life of crime began as a teenager. He was convicted of theft, indecent assault, burglary and heroin trafficking and spent most of his life in jail or escaping from it.

While on holiday in Mexico he eloped with a 15-year-old Mexican girl, Maria Arellanos. They came to London and were married. She left him after he was jailed for a series of burglaries and later married a member of the Royal Protection Squad, PC Ken Coid. When this marriage also failed, she returned to Mexico City, where she is now living with a taxi driver.

Scripps absconded four times while on home leave from prison. In 1994 he was serving two six-year sentences in the Mount Prison, Hemel Hempstead, for heroin trafficking, when he was given leave to visit his mother and sister.

Mrs Scripps claims that she begged the authorities not to release him: "He had sold all his belongings in prison and I knew he was going to run." That did not stop her giving him £200 to embark on his murderous world tour.

In Mexico City, Ms Arellanos, 33, said: "John disappeared on several trips and went to the United States and South-East Asia. I knew something awful was happening, but I could not believe he had started killing people."

Jean Scripps said goodbye to her son in Changi jail. "They have no right to take his life," she said

John Scripps in prison. His family have been told they can inspect his body today

## North West Water: an apology

A REPORT (November 13 last year) on Ofwat's investigation of North West Water and certain other water companies stated that Ian Byatt, the Director-General of Ofwat, had told the company that "one of the reasons for his investigation is sewage contamination to the water of 700,000 customers".

We now accept this was incorrect and there was no evidence of any sewage contamination affecting water supplies in the North West Water area. We apologise for any distress this statement caused to their customers.

A second report on the same date quoted Mr Byatt as saying that certain water companies were cheating their customers by charging them for sub-standard services and clean-up schemes which failed to materialise. In fact, Mr Byatt made no such accusation. We greatly regret any damage which may have been caused to North West Water's reputation by these statements and have agreed to make a substantial donation to their nominated charity, Water Aid, by way of apology.

## Trial delayed for 'husband' of girl, 13

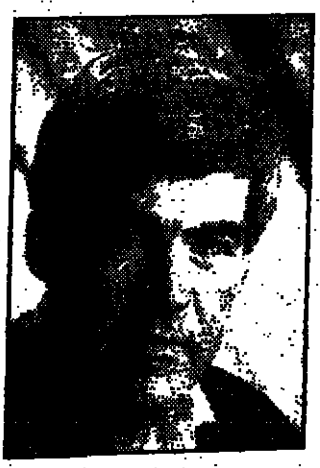
THE trial of a Turkish waiter charged with raping the 13-year-old British girl he "married" in a religious ceremony not recognised by the state was adjourned yesterday to allow official papers on Sarah Cook to arrive from Britain.

Musa Komeagac, 18, told television cameras in broken English outside the court at Kahramanmaras: "Hello Sarah, how are you, my good? I love you, I miss you very much."

The trial will resume in June. In January the authorities learnt that the couple had taken part in an Islamic ceremony after meeting last summer in a southern Turkish resort. Sarah has been made a ward of a British court and returned home to Braintree, Essex, in February.

"Some people think I'm doing Charlie Chaplin impressions"

"I wish I was"



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# Saudi dissident can stay after Howard U-turn

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Saudi dissident Muhammad al-Masari, ordered out of Britain in a government move to protect arms sales to Saudi Arabia, was told yesterday that he could stay after all, for at least four years.

In an embarrassing climbdown, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, lifted the deportation threat and granted him exceptional leave to remain.

But Mr Howard, who last month was ordered by Judge Pearl, the Chief Immigration Adjudicator, to reconsider the case, has not taken a decision on Dr Masari's application for permanent asylum.

Home Office sources, who confirmed that the Saudi Government had been informed in advance of the Home Secretary's decision, described the outcome as a compromise.

Dr Masari, 47, who fled to Britain in April 1994, said that he intended to resume his fundamentalist campaign against the ruling Saudi Royal Family. "It's a great relief to me in the sense that the threat of deportation is off. What I have got is *de facto* asylum. Exceptional leave to remain is not quite as good as asylum but it's good enough."

**Saudi Arabia made only a brief comment on the Home Office decision yesterday. Ghazi al-Ghosaibi, the Ambassador, said in a four-line statement that Saudi Arabia could not interfere in British law, and that the decision was a matter for the British Government. His low-key approach, in contrast to his remarks to BBC1's *Panorama* that a decision to allow Muhammad al-Masari to remain in Britain would harm British exports to Saudi Arabia, suggests that the Saudis are determined not to let the issue ruin their otherwise good relations with Britain.**

The issue is a sensitive one for relations between the two countries, with Britain seeking to protect companies with a stake in the £20 billion al-Yamamah arms deal and other substantial interests in Saudi Arabia.

The news of his victory was given to Dr Masari during a 25-minute interview with Jeremy Crump, an assistant director of the Immigration Service. He was told that it will be open to him to apply for further leave to remain at the end of the four years. Two daughters in Britain with him were also given leave to remain and other dependants, including his wife and younger children, are expected to join him.

Dr Masari will also be given travel documents by the Home Office — though not a British passport — to allow him to travel abroad as he wishes.

The Home Office said in a statement last night: "The Home Secretary reached this decision after consideration of the recommendation by the Chief Immigration Adjudicator and after having taken full account of our international and domestic obligations."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Dr Masari leaving yesterday's Immigration Service interview when he was told he could stay for four years

Dr Masari said: "I am satisfied with what has happened. We shall continue with our campaign against the Saudi Government. The Saudis will be very upset. I don't think they will comprehend that this is not full asylum. I think there will be another wave of pressures but I think the British Government will put up with that."

In his ruling last month, which led to Mr Howard's about-turn, Judge Pearl said it appeared that an attempt had been made by the Home Secretary to circumvent the United Nations Convention on Refugees for "diplomatic and trade reasons".

The judge said that the Home Secretary had failed to establish that Dominica — the Caribbean island to which Dr Masari was due to be expelled — was a safe third country for the dissident to be sent to. The dissident and six colleagues publicly established the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights in Saudi Arabia in May 1993. Twelve months later he lost his job as a professor of physics and was held in detention where he was allegedly tortured for six months.

His lawyers have argued that the British Government wanted to expel him in order to maintain good relations with Saudi authorities and that the Dominican Government agreed to accept him for its own economic benefit after being told by British diplomats that "one good turn deserves another".

Since arriving in Britain on a Yemen Airways flight with a Yemeni passport, Dr Masari has waged a campaign against the Saudi Royal Family. His accusations of corruption and calls for a peaceful transition to Islamic rule infuriated Saudi authorities.

# Lorry driver fears Brussels eyesight test will cost him his job

Hirst: must have a medical

By JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A LORRY driver who has not had an accident in 30 years expects to be the first victim of European eyesight rules that could force up to 3,000 truckers to quit.

Bill Hirst, 60, fears he will lose his £16,000-a-year job delivering animal feed because of a minor defect in his right eye. He is due to sit a medical for a five-year extension to his heavy goods vehicle licence on July 5, four days after the introduction of the test.

It requires lorry drivers to have adequate vision in both eyes without wearing glasses or contact lenses. The old rules required drivers to be able to see reasonably well out of one eye without correction. The regulations are aimed at ensuring that all lorry and bus drivers are capable of controlling their vehicles even if their glasses fall off.

Mr Hirst, of Leiston, Suffolk, who says the rule will cost him £70,000 in lost earnings, believes he will fail because he has a "lazy" right eye, although his left eye is good. "Up to now I have passed my eyesight test with flying colours, thanks to my good eye," he said. "I have already had a private eye test which proved I will fail the new HGV test because of my bad eye.

"In all my years of driving, my glasses have never fallen off my head. Thanks to this EC rule I am being thrown on the scrapheap five years early. Nobody has ever complained about my driving and I consider myself very safe."

All European Union member states must meet the rules on July 1, but the Department of Transport has been attacked for applying them retrospectively rather than just to new applicants. This could mean that Continental drivers will be able to drive in this country, even though they would have been banned if they had been British.

Mr Hirst is being backed by his employers, the J. Bibby agricultural feed factory in Framlingham, Suffolk. Boyd Barrington, its production manager, said: "We consider him a safe and professional driver. We are right behind him."

Mr Hirst's wife, Cynthia, 59, is also launching a campaign for compensation for drivers who face losing their licences under the legislation. Mr Hirst will receive no compensation because he is not being made redundant and may have to claim benefits for the first time in his life.

# Children need more crunch for lunch

WEEKEND SHOPPING

AS CHILDREN return to school for the summer term, studies have shown that four out of ten eat no fresh fruit during the week and only two out of ten have fresh vegetables.

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**Co-op:** Sun Valley fresh whole roast chicken £2.99 for 900g, fresh chicken breast fillets £3.99 for 560g, mushroom pies 99p for four, apple purée rice pudding 4x100g 69p.

**Harrods:** Small avocados 60p for five, asparagus and mushroom soufflé £2 each, Banon goat's cheeses £4.50 each.

**Iceland:** Economy lamb £3.49 for 1.19kg, chicken 1.4kg — 1.5kg £1.49, mushroom and garlic filled chicken breasts £1.49 for two, Birds Eye fish fingers £1.69 for 16, baby carrots 99p for 907g, garden peas £1.69 for 1.8kg.

**Marks & Spencer:** Canneloni for two £2.49, tagliatelle for one £1.49, macaroni cheese twin pack £2, pesto sauce £1.39, Tuscan olive oil £3.29, mixed peppers £1.49 for three.

**Morrison:** Cod steaks £4.38 kg, whole trout £2.84 kg, whole mackerel £1.96 kg, coley fillet £2.84 kg, Olivio reduced fat spread 99p for 500g.

**Safeway:** New Zealand extra mature cheddar £2.19 lb, potato salad 39p ¼ lb, loose green peppers £1.09 lb, white potatoes £1.99 for 5kg, medium Galia melons £1.69 each, strawberries 98p for 454g.

**Sainsbury's:** 12 fresh chicken drumsticks £2.69 for 1.2kg, West Country cheddar £4.59 kg, white potatoes 89p for 2.5kg, red plums 79p lb.

**Somerfield:** Closed cup mushrooms 79p lb, broccoli 59p lb, mixed apples £1.29 for 12, asparagus £1.99 for 250g, strawberries 75p pack.

**Tesco:** Quarter cut leg of pork £3.09 kg, broccoli 79p lb, asparagus £1.99 bundle, Jaffa oranges £1.19 for eight.

**Waitrose:** Scotch roasting beef £2.49 lb, okra 69p for 125g, cucumbers 45p each, stringless beans 99p for 250g, Wilja potatoes 79p for 1.5kg, pure orange juice £1.59 for 2ltr.

ROBIN YOUNG

# Viscount's farewell flight hits a snag

A VICKERS Viscount scheduled to make its final domestic passenger flight yesterday had to be replaced at the last moment after hitting a fence.

The plane was preparing to fly from Stansted to Heathrow where passengers were awaiting to board the historic 45-minute flight but it suffered a 2ft gash in a wing while being towed. Another Viscount was flown to Heathrow so the flight could go ahead.

Passengers stranded at Stansted were taken to London by bus. Among the guests waiting to board the flight at Heathrow was Lord King of Wartnaby, president of British Airways.

Colin Smale-Saunders, engineering director of British World Airlines, which operates the Viscounts, said: "This was very unfortunate but we are glad this historic flight was able to go ahead."

The Duke of Edinburgh was among many who paid tribute yesterday to the plane, which is ceasing passenger service after 43 years. He said: "It is sad news that the long and active commercial life of the Vickers Viscount has finally come to an end. I'm sure that many people who flew, or flew in, these aircraft will be pleased that it is being given a suitable farewell."

A total of 444 Viscounts were built and sold to more than 60 airlines. Five of those remaining will continue in service carrying parcels from Belfast and Edinburgh to Coventry.

# Cricketer supplied comedian's punchline

By PAUL WILKINSON

**A FAST bowler from Yorkshire did not appreciate the jokes a Lancashire comic was cracking about Leeds United, so he punched him.**

**The comedian, however, had the last laugh. The unseemly scuffle during a cricket league awards dinner has earned Steven Morley a life ban from his club and all future league social functions, as well as a year's playing suspension and a league ban until 2000.**

**A disciplinary panel of the Huddersfield Central League found Mr Morley, from Heckmondwike, West Yorkshire, guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and of ungentlemanly conduct. Mr Morley, who had won two trophies for his performance last season with the St John's club in Cleckheaton, stormed the stage at his clubhouse after a series of wisecracks by Charlie Ale.**

**Bernard Green, the league secretary, said: "Charlie started having a go at Howard Wilkinson and Brian Deane, which I suppose was fair game. Everyone was enjoying themselves when suddenly Morley went off his head. He jumped on the stage and started trading punches with Mr Ale. It was disgraceful, right in front of our sponsors too."**

**Mr Ale said: "This one bloke was getting really upset and started heckling at me. Then he stood up on a table and started coming for me."**

**Mr Morley was unavailable for comment yesterday.**

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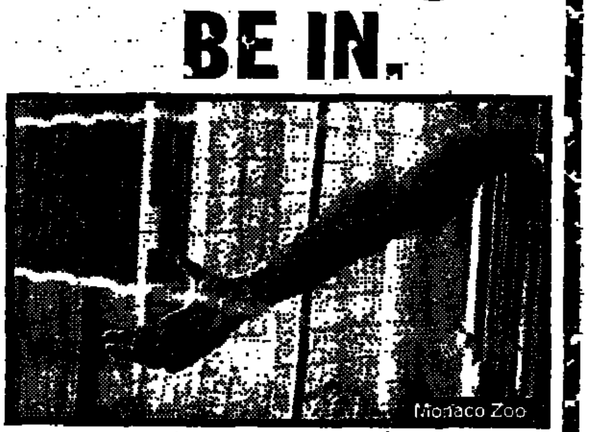

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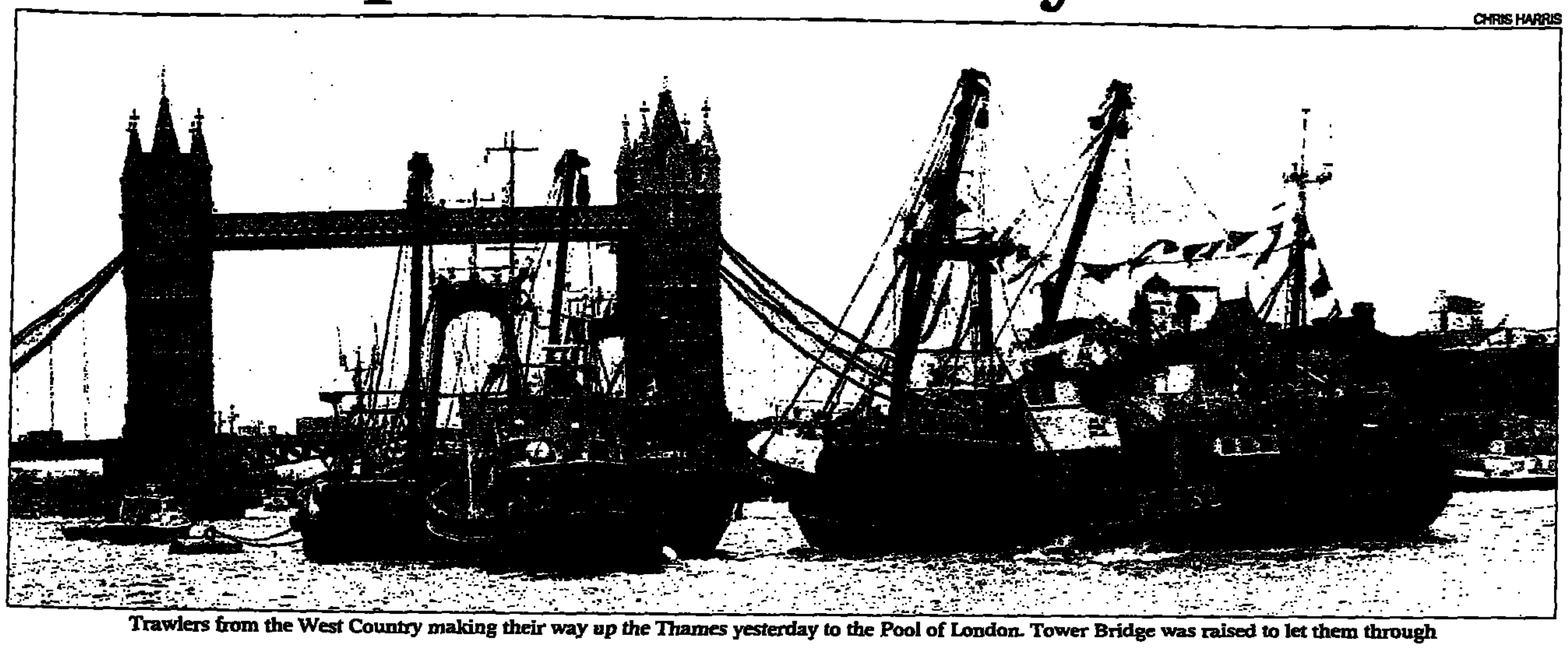
# Trawlermen's protest backed by former ministers

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent


CHRIS HARRIS

Trawlers from the West Country making their way up the Thames yesterday to the Pool of London. Tower Bridge was raised to let them through

MORE than 2,000 angry trawlermen invaded the centre of London yesterday. They were joined by prominent Tory Euro-rebels in demanding withdrawal from the European Union's common fisheries policy.

John Redwood, the former Cabinet member who challenged John Major for the Tory leadership last year, drew thunderous applause at a rally in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, as he called for fishing to be taken back under national control if Europe refused a better deal for Britain.

"Britain is a maritime nation," he said. "As an island people we are proud of the great past of our navy, merchant marine and fishing industry. It is time the Government stood up for all of them."

Earlier four beam trawlers from Cornwall and Devon marked the start of the protest by steaming up the Thames under Tower Bridge and anchoring opposite *HMS Belfast*. The boats sounded their horns as fishermen on the riverbank cheered.

One of the vessels, the *Carhelmar* from Brixham carried a banner saying: "Ted Heath conned us in 1972. Nothing has changed." A banner on the *Barentszee* read: "No mad fish at sea, just crazy politicians ashore."

Later four other big trawlers anchored in the Pool of London and a flotilla of smaller vessels sailed upstream to Westminster where a delegation met Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister.

Mr Redwood's plea was backed by Christoper Gill, the MP for Ludlow and one of nine backbenchers who lost the Tory whip last year, and by Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

Sitting in the body of the hall in a conspicuous show of solidarity with the rebellious trawlermen, were Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, and Bill Cash and Teresa Gorman, leading Tory backbench Euro-sceptics.

Mr Lamont told *The Times*: "We made a terrible mistake in agreeing to equal access to our waters for other EU boats, almost as foolish as it would have been to treat North Sea oil as a common resource. In my view it is impossible to reform the common fisheries policy. We must withdraw from it."

In the Commons, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, told MPs that the Government was "listening extremely carefully" to what the trawlermen had to say and intended to seek reforms of fisheries policy at the EU inter-governmental conference. A handful of Scottish trawlermen were also present at the rally, but the protest was boycotted by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, which does not support withdrawal from the EU fisheries policy. Bob Allen, chief executive of the federation, said: "We do not see a realistic prospect that any British Government will leave the common fisheries policy, either unilaterally or by negotiation. We have to work for change from within."

Mr Mitchell said other EU member states would be powerless to stop Britain from opting out of the policy. His militant rhetoric failed to satisfy the trawlermen, however. He was drowned out by shouts of "we have had 25 years of bullshit" when he suggested that the Government should be given one more chance to negotiate a better deal.

Magni Stewart, a Shetland skipper, told the gathering that the EU system of catch quotas, which forced trawlermen to throw good fish back dead into the sea, had turned him into a law-breaker for the first time in his life."The common fisheries policy has turned me into a very bitter criminal, a liar, cheat and falsifier of documents to keep my business viable and give my crew a living wage."

# How to tell a diabetic coma from death

MEDICAL BRIEFING

## Dr Thomas Stuttaford

ANOTHER Lazarus story has made the headlines. Maureen Jones of Thwing, in Yorkshire, was raised from near-death by Police Constables Kevin Smith and Phillip Shrimpton. Mrs Jones, 59, was pronounced dead half an hour before the police reached her cottage and when they arrived a hearse was waiting to take the supposed corpse to the mortuary. Fortunately PC Smith noticed signs of life and he and PC Shrimpton gave her first aid until she could be taken to hospital.

Mrs Jones is diabetic, and diabetic patients are liable to go into coma if their glucose metabolism is upset by too much or too little insulin. There are two quite different types of coma which can affect diabetics, with different causes and therefore different treatments. Very often press reports of diabetic comas confuse the two sorts.

The most common type in diabetics is the hypoglycaemic coma in which the patient has had too much insulin. Sometimes this occurs if they have taken their usual dose but have not had regular meals. In a hypoglycaemic coma the blood-sugar level falls to the point at which the central nervous system is affected, the patient appears confused, aggressive and poorly co-ordinated, as if drunk. The patient is sweaty, dizzy and slides into unconsciousness.

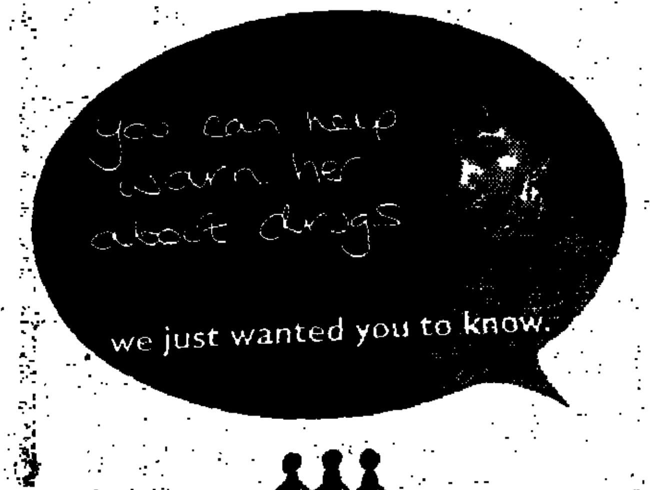
In the early stages of the condition, when the patient can still swallow, sugary food or drinks, followed by a balanced meal, can be given. Once the swallow reflex has been blunted and the patient is lapsing into unconsciousness, intravenous glucose or glucogen is needed. Glucogen injections, although not always effective, have an advantage in that they can be given by a family member.

The term diabetic coma is usually reserved for hyperglycaemic, in which the patient has been suffering for some time from too little insulin. They will have complained of listlessness, loss of weight and appetite and may well have felt nauseous and had abdominal pain. The patient will have been passing enormous quantities of urine so they are dehydrated, and they also smell of acetone.

Modern reagent strips which show the amount of sugar in a drop of blood make it easy to differentiate between the two types of coma, but even in the past it was not that difficult. The sister in the first ward on which I was a houseman taught me a trick. When an unconscious new arrival was known to be diabetic she would thrust her hand into his armpit: if it was sweaty he was hypoglycaemic; if the armpit was dry it was hyperglycaemia.

Deep coma can always be confused with death. Difficulties are usually associated when the coma follows a drug overdose or hypothermia. In some circumstances a pulse or heartbeat may be hard to feel.

Further evidence of death is achieved by studying the eyes. There is no blink reflex when the eye is touched and there are changes in the pupils, which dilate after death and do not react to light; all provide better confirmation than mirrors or feathers held in front of the mouth.



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## Paradise lost for Bounty hunters

By Carol Midgley

**BOUNTY, the coconut chocolate bar which used bikini-clad models to sell "a taste of paradise", is ditching its old-fashioned image for a new look.**

**The desert island fantasy scenes used for nearly 30 years in television advertisements are being replaced by a more "contemporary" image. From Monday viewers will see Bounty advertisements featuring a woman in an art gallery staring as a huge painting of a coconut comes to life in front of her. The bikini is replaced by a demure black dress and the slogan is "a taste of the exotic".**

**A spokeswoman for Mars, makers of Bounty, said that the desert island image had lost its mystique, while sandy white beaches were commonplace because many people now went to the Caribbean on holiday.**

## Amazon cave findings shed new light on American prehistory

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A STARTLING find in the Amazon jungle threatens to overturn existing theories about how the South American continent was peopled.

Dr Anna Roosevelt, of the Field Museum in Chicago, and colleagues have explored a cave at Monte Alegre, between Manaus and Belem on the north bank of the Amazon in Brazil, containing evidence that a thriving society existed there 11,000 years ago.

They lived on fruit, nuts, fish and small animals, made stone tools, and painted rocks. According to Dr Roosevelt, they may even have predated the Clovis people, long believed to have been the first American colonisers, whose earliest remains are much further north and date from 10,900 to 11,200 years ago.

"We found strong evidence that a culture quite distinct from the North American palaeo-Indian culture, but more or less contemporary with it, existed more than 5,000 miles south, in this humid, tropical habitat," says Dr Roosevelt in today's issue of *Science*.

The team was led to the most intriguing of the caves, Caverna da Pedra Pintada, by a local schoolteacher. There they found sandstone walls covered with handprints in red and yellow, and paintings of human figures, animals, and geometric shapes.

In the floor of the cave they found evidence of fire, burnt food remains and stone tools. Radiocarbon dates put the age of the earliest settlement on the site to between 10,000 and 11,200 years ago. Two other dating methods agree, even suggesting a greater age of up to 16,000 years.

If that is accepted, it means that the Amazon culture was independent of the Clovis people, and not descended from it. It also means that the Amazon, long thought too hostile for early human occupation, was indeed the home of a human society which survived for a long time. That in turn may mean that the "virgin" rainforests are the product of human ingenuity. The clustering of certain trees, such as cashews, brazil nuts and some palms, may be the result of prehistoric human activity and not chance.

Some archaeologists remain unconvinced that the Amazon people predate Clovis and that a date of 10,500 years ago is a more realistic interpretation of Dr Roosevelt's data. If so, the culture might have been formed by Clovis colonisers whe entered North America across the Bering Strait and gradually worked south.

While Clovis people lived by slaughtering big game, the Amazon people were foragers, eating fruit, meat and shellfish common in the humid tropics. Much later, about 7,500 years ago, pottery began to be made.

The caves themselves have been known for a long time, but nobody before Dr Roosevelt and her team had ever dug there to establish the earliest occupancy.

JOHN COBB

John Warlock, the icon of Seventies America, now lives in a converted bike shed. "I'm staying put," he said

## Theatre's fallen angel told to go to hell

By Paul Wilkinson

**THEATRE managers in York are taking legal action to evict a retired Hell's Angel who has been living in a bike shed next to their building for the past two years.**

**John Warlock has converted the lean-to beside York Theatre Royal into a home since staff allowed him to move in off the streets, but now the theatre says it needs the space as a store. A solicitor's letter telling him to quit the 8ft by 5ft shed by this week was ignored and now court action has been started. Even though his hut has no electricity or water and he performs his ablutions elsewhere, Mr Warlock, 53, is prepared to fight the case. He said: "It is my home and I am staying put. Everyone watched me making the shed into my home and no one tried to stop me."**

**The face of Mr Warlock was an icon of Seventies America when a photograph of him and his motorcycle featured on a poster sold coast to coast. His life has since taken a downward turn and he ended up sleeping on the streets of York where he earns a living busking. His near-waist length beard and jeans held together with bar towels made him a familiar figure in the city. When news of his impending eviction broke a phone-in poll voted 7-1 in favour of him staying on, much to the theatre's embarrassment. "We are being cast as villains which is not the case," said Pippa McPherson, marketing manager. "We allowed him to use this shed but we never thought he would be there two years later."**

**Julian Pheby, Mr Warlock's solicitor said: "He is a pleasant, amiable chap who is determined to keep his home. He will see this through to the end."**

## Theologian's QC challenges sex attack charges

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland correspondent

CASES of sexual assault against an Edinburgh theologian were challenged yesterday by his lawyer on the ground that they were not backed by enough evidence. He called for "not guilty" verdicts.

Professor Donald Macleod, 55, a Free Church of Scotland lecturer described as a "charismatic theologian with a large following", denies five charges involving five women. A sixth charge was dropped on Wednesday over a discrepancy on the date of the alleged offence.

Andrew Hardie, QC, for the defence, pointed out that under Scottish law there should be evidence in addition to that given by the alleged victim. The Crown is relying on a rule that allows similar charges to support each other.

Mr Hardie argued that a case of molestation involving a 35-year-old statistics lecturer was so much more serious than the other allegations that it could not be supported by them. The only similar allegation was another serious sexual assault charge involving the same woman and she could not provide independent support for her evidence.

Another charge alleged Professor Macleod tried to kiss a 36-year-old woman but even if this were true the Crown had failed to prove criminal intent, Mr Hardie said.

Another case in which the professor is alleged to have kissed his unwilling victim in his study happened five years later than the other charges and was too distant in time to be supported by them, the QC said. Professor Macleod has already lodged an alibi defence against another charge.

Sheriff John Horsburgh, QC, will decide today whether to accept Mr Hardie's request after hearing arguments by Margaret Graham for the Crown.

Earlier yesterday the court was shown a police video in which Professor Macleod dismissed the allegations of the 35-year-old statistics lecturer as "completely untrue".

He told police that he had been "hounded for ten years" by people in the church who had taken allegations against him to the church authorities although the complaints had been had thrown out.

He said the lecturer was closely involved with people who were part of a "wider conspiracy" and claimed her statements had changed over time.

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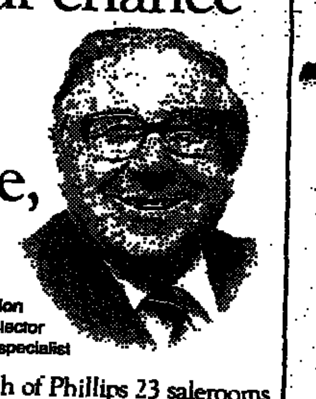

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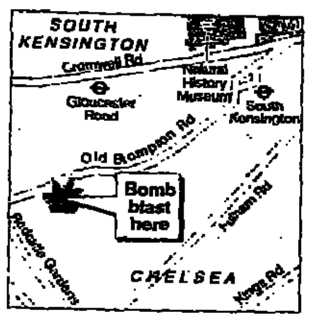
# Terrorists choose least likely target in millionaires' row

By Adrian Lee and Stewart Tendler



WHEN the IRA bombed 22 The Boltons on Wednesday night, the blast rattled the windows of London's rich and famous. Properties in the road in South Kensington, where royalty and pop stars rub shoulders with sheikhs and industrialists, have changed hands for £9 million.

Police believe the bomb contained about 1lb of Semtex. There were no injuries and damage was limited, although police said anyone close to the blast could have been killed.

The bomb was placed behind a wall in the garden of No 22. The terrorists telephoned a coded warning and an imprecise location to the Associated Press agency ten minutes before it went off.

Officers are checking to see if it was similar to the device exploded by the IRA last month near Brompton Cemetery, less than a mile away. The explosive and timing device could be part of a cache of equipment kept by Edward O'Brien, the bomber killed in the Aldywch blast. Detectives know some of the material is missing.

Why the bombers chose No 22, which was clearly empty and undergoing repair work, is a mystery. Despite its £3 million price tag, the 1840s Grade II listed building is one of the more anonymous in the neigbourhood.

It was once owned by a Greek shipping magnate and is a former home of the Kuwaiti royal family. Land registry records show it was bought last year by a man called Bassam Debs. The house is undergoing extensive refurbishment and the new owners, who are believed to be Lebanese, have applied to Kensington and Chelsea council to extend the basement.

As forensic experts finished their work at the house yesterday, the interior designers were getting back to work. When Mr Debs eventually takes up residence in The Boltons, he will be moving into one of London's most exclusive areas.

Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, president of the supermarket chain, lives at No 9; the Prime Minister of Bahrain and his son also have homes there. Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, has four of his seven British residences in The Boltons.

Michael Alison, MP for Selby and a former Minister at the Northern Ireland Office, lived next door until three years ago. "The police have assured me that they believe the fact that I lived at that flat was not connected to the explosion," he said.

One of The Boltons' most charismatic residents is Lady Ridsdale, 74, wife of Sir Julian, the former MP for Harwich. A wartime colleague of the author Ian Fleming, Paddy Ridsdale was the model for Miss Moneypenny. While working with Fleming at the Admiralty on special naval operations she was involved in one of the most successful ruses used against the Axis.

Fake documents were placed on the body of a civilian, who had died from natural causes, and it was dumped in the sea. The enemy was fooled into thinking the dead man was a drowned senior officer carrying invasion plans and deployed defences in the wrong area.

Lady Ridsdale became the girlfriend of "the man who never was". To make the hoax work she wrote love letters to the man, which were also planted on the body.

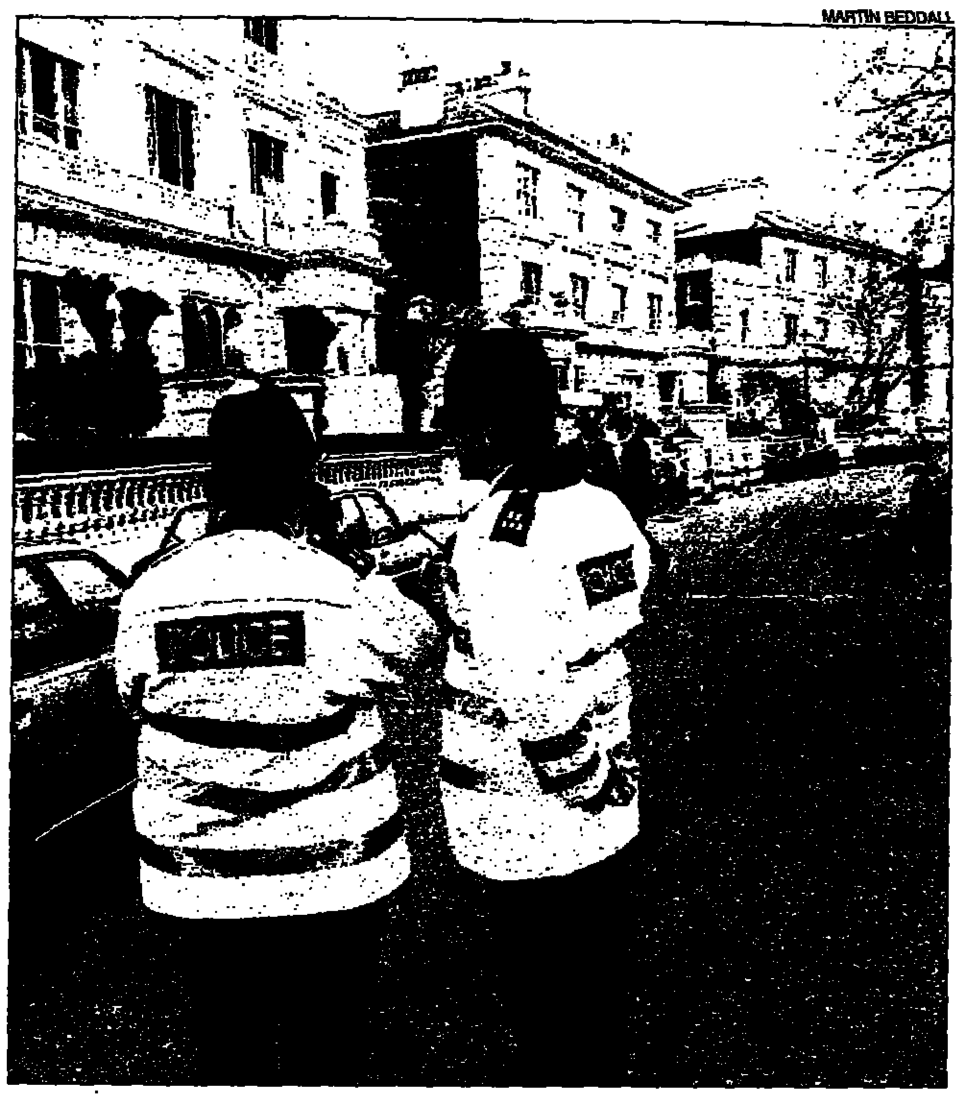
The IRA explosion brought back memories of the Blitz for Lady Ridsdale. "It wasn't as loud as the bomb that demolished a block of houses near here in the war, but it was obvious what it was. We didn't leave our home when the Nazis bombed us so there's nothing the IRA can do. It was just a silly little thing."

Nick Rhodes, of the pop group Duran Duran, was once a resident. The female groupies who used to gather outside his home did not endear him to his neighbours. James Sherwood, the American founder and president of Sea Containers Group, is another occupant.

The bomb also disturbed a group of Franciscan nuns who own a property there. "I thought it was a plane in distress," Sister Kathleen said. "I stayed in bed and prayed."

Gerald Stonehill, 70, a music consultant who lives next door to the bombed house, had a lucky escape. He and six relatives were to have celebrated his mother-in-law's ninetieth birthday in a front room which was showered with shards of glass. At the last minute they decided to eat out. "Unquestionably we would have been seriously hurt had we been at home," said Mr Stonehill, a resident of The Boltons for 37 years.

MARTIN BEDDALL



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# 'Pariahs' have no place at peace table, says Major

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

THE IRA and Sinn Fein will become international pariahs if the campaign of violence continues, John Major said yesterday after the fifth terrorist attack since the ceasefire collapsed.

Speaking as Scotland Yard investigated the latest IRA bomb, the Prime Minister said: "It seems to have been an exercise for no apparent purpose other than to remind people that they still have a capacity to mount terrorist exercises." He added: "Unless there is a ceasefire, a very viable ceasefire, that is clear-cut, then there will be no part in the peace process for Sinn Fein."

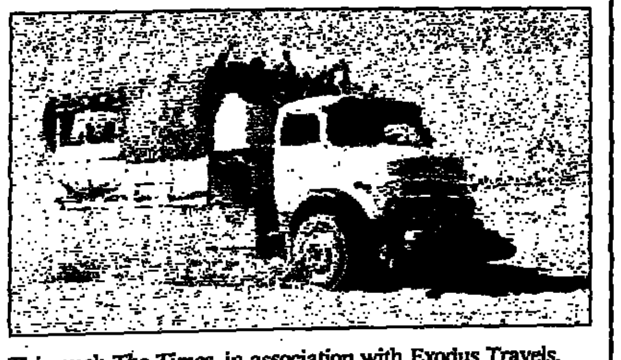
John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said the terrorists had to choose whether they were following the path of peaceful politics or violence. "One cannot pursue the two paths simultaneously," he told the Dail.

The attack led to cross-party unrest at Westminster last night over plans to allow Sinn Fein into the proposed all-party talks in Northern Ireland. Although the party will not be allowed in unless there is an unequivocal restoration of the ceasefire, Tory MPs fear that a last-minute declaration could be enough to bring Sinn Fein to the negotiating table on June 10.

Tory and Unionist politicians told Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, that during the 17-month ceasefire the IRA had been involved in punishment beatings, extortion, torture and preparation of further bombings in Britain.

Sir Patrick moved to reassure MPs that Sinn Fein will not be invited to the talks automatically if there is a ceasefire before June 10. He said it would have to convince other parties involved in the talks that there was a lasting ceasefire. He added that the IRA's "abominable attacks" had excluded it from political negotiations.

Marjorie Mowlam, Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said: "There is no way that parties can bomb their way to the negotiating table."



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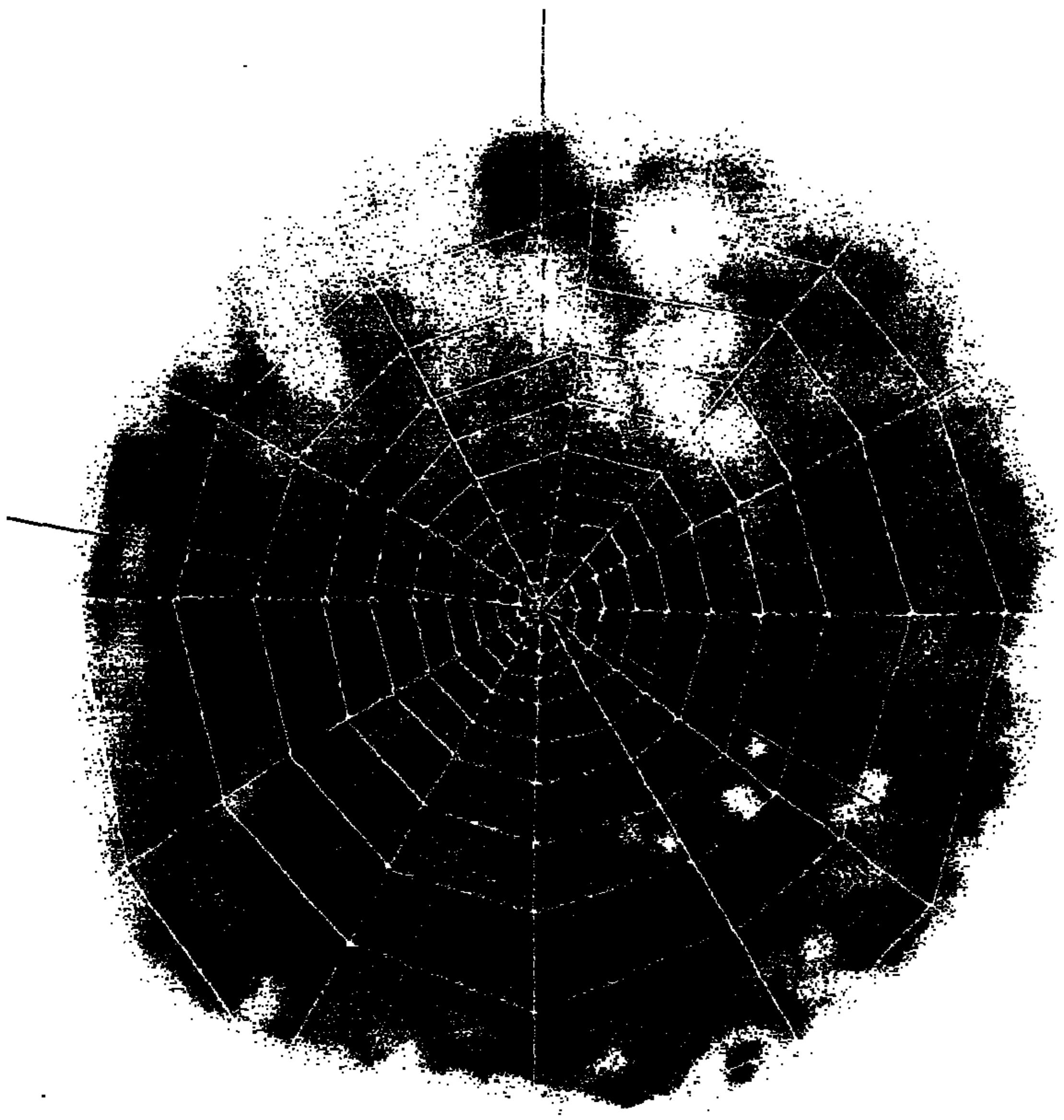

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# Major avoids party unrest with 'apology' to Redwood

By Philip Webster
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR moved swiftly to prevent a new bout of Tory conflict yesterday by assuring John Redwood, his rival in last year's leadership contest, that he had not been criticising him when he rejected "reckless" tax cuts.

Downing Street offered what Mr Redwood's colleagues described as a full apology over reports of remarks that had been interpreted as an attack on the former Welsh Secretary.

Mr Redwood reacted angrily on Wednesday night when told by the BBC that Mr Major had privately suggested that the programme he had put forward on the day after the Staffordshire by-election defeat was "reckless and silly". Mr Redwood's aides contacted John Ward, the Prime Minister's Parliamentary Private Secretary, to demand an explanation. But with Mr Major in Prague, communications were difficult and no clarification was forthcoming. Mr Redwood then issued a statement that his programme had been misrepresented and suggested that Mr Major was risking party unity.

Mr Major's determination to maintain the uneasy Right-Left truce was underlined when he instructed Norman Blackwell, the head of the Downing Street policy unit, to call Mr Redwood yesterday morning. Mr Blackwell insisted that Mr Major had not been criticising Mr Redwood when he used the words reckless and silly. He even added that Mr Major strongly agreed with a lot of things Mr Redwood had been saying, most notably in his article in *The Times* last Saturday.

Last night Mr Redwood appeared to be content with Mr Major's assurance. He said: "I did not think he could be referring to the policies I have proposed. I am very pleased they have said that."

The episode has further highlighted the differences within the Tory party over the pace and scale of tax cuts that Kenneth Clarke should introduce in the November Budget. When asked about Mr Major's remarks, Mr Clarke said that they were directed at "the idea of tax cuts which cannot be afforded".

But Edward Leigh told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*: "Kenneth Clarke won't admit now that his priority is tax cuts because that would give the impression that he was thinking politically, and he mustn't do that. But of course we must have tax cuts . . . because that is the way in which we can make it in our supporters' interests to vote Conservative.

"Therefore there will be tax cuts, and they have to be substantial tax cuts. We have to be looking at, sort of, the base rate being reduced for everybody down to 20p, something really dramatic."

He claimed that the Tories could not win the election without tax cuts and said he suspected the risk was being exaggerated to lower expectations before the Budget.

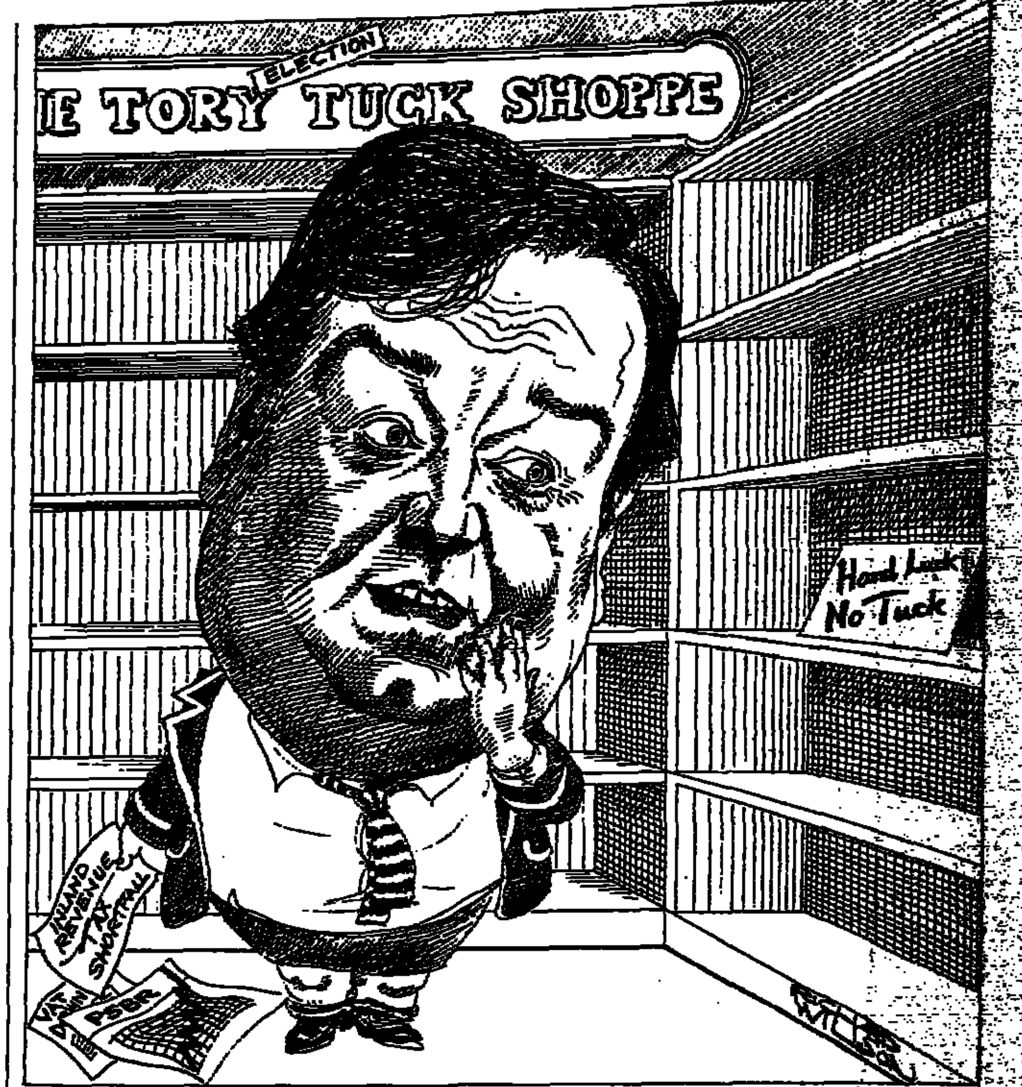
Mr Clarke told the programme: "It would be nice to have tax cuts, but I don't agree with Edward Leigh, if he thinks of any old tax cuts. If I can afford it I'll cut taxes, and I'm sure that will help to reinforce our success. But I think you could lose an election if you cut taxes in a reckless and silly way, as the Prime Minister said.

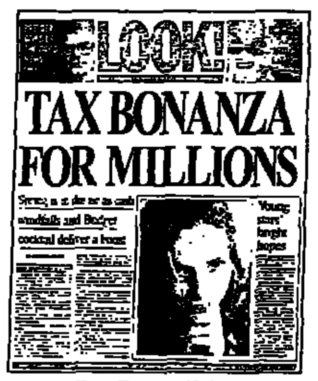
"People are not idiots. People wish to have politicians who look credible and competent. They know Conservatives want to reduce taxes — they know Labour will put taxes up. But when the Conservatives reduce taxation, they want it to be demonstrably on the basis of what can be afforded, and what's good for the economy."

Labour revelled in the Major-Redwood exchange. John Prescott, the deputy party leader, accused Mr Major of pandering to the Right by grovelling to Mr Redwood. "Calling Mr Redwood's views reckless and silly should be no cause for an apology from anybody. Mr Major seems to have forgotten that he is Prime Minister. He is incapable of leadership and is still in the grip of the Right, who want to make him lurch further and further every day."

### IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Treasury ministers and Deputy Prime Minister; Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations Etc) Bill, second reading. In the Lords: Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Bill, report; Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, committee.
TODAY in the Commons: Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill, report; Regulation of Funding of Political Parties Bill, second reading. The Lords is not sitting.





The first edition

# Exclusive! Tories reveal the good news

By James Landale
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Tories admitted defeat yesterday in the battle to secure more positive press coverage and launched their own tabloid newspaper.

*Look!*, a 16-page freesheet, is packed with "good news" about how the Government is transforming Britain for the better. And what good news there is. Under the Tories, British sportsmen will actually start winning (sports, page 16).

"It may prove the starting point for a British triumph over the All Blacks in rugby, the humbling of Brazil at soccer and the Test Match devastation of Australia." Crime is falling (page 2), the National Lottery is transforming lives (page 3), education is better funded (page 5) and the economy is booming (pages 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15).

*Look!* even secured a scoop interview with John Major. "There are those — the Glums — who still prefer to ignore all the facts and continue spreading a message of doom and gloom," he says. "I felt it was time to set the record straight once and for all because the Glums are doing Britain a disservice. That is why this newspaper is being produced. It is to give the people the true facts."

The 100,000 copies printed so far will be sent to Tory assocations, and handed out to the public in shopping malls and train stations. But if the supply of newspapers is limitless, the supply of good news is apparently not: no date has been fixed for the second edition.

# Why the Right is wrong to clamour for tax cuts

**RIDDELL ON POLITICS**

Kenneth Clarke is correct and the Tory Right is wrong. There may be little room for substantial tax cuts this November without putting at risk the hard-fought improvement in the Government's finances. The room for fiscal and monetary manoeuvre is so small that some ministers are wondering about the possibility of an autumn election.

The reaction of the Tory Right to the by-election rout and the latest polls has been to demand big cuts in spending and taxes before the election. This plea is presented in measured terms by John Redwood: as an instinctive desire for "clear blue water" by John Townend and the backbench right: and as an increasingly shrill and desperate appeal for action by the partisan Tory press.

But these demands ignore the economic realities. Public sector borrowing for the financial year just ended was £32.2 billion — £3.2 billion higher than forecast in the November Budget and £10 billion more than projected in the November 1994 Budget. The deterioration is *not* because of laxity over public spending. While spending is only slightly higher than expected last November, it is now virtually flat in real terms.

The problem is on the tax side where revenues have fallen more than £9 billion below forecast levels — and were even £2.4 billion less than expected last November. Much of this shortfall is so far unexplained and cannot easily be remedied without, say, extending the tax base to counter evasion.

As spending is already under tight control, there are no easy cuts. It is always possible to find £1 or £2 billion through squeezing running costs. But real cuts would require cutbacks in services or entitlements, which would take time to come through and would provoke a political outcry before the election. The actions which Peter Lilley has taken to trim social security commitments produce big savings eventually, but they take time to appear. The private finance initiative also has a gradual impact and is essentially only a way of deferring government payments. It is not possible to conjure up spending cuts out of nowhere.

The Government should perhaps be looking for a tightening of the fiscal position, not a loosening via tax cuts, to offset this deterioration in borrowing. So it is not surprising that John Major has described demands for big tax cuts as "reckless and silly" and Mr Clarke has given warning against trying to buy the next election through tax cuts. They are both making a virtue out of fiscal necessity.

Moreover, interest rates may have to rise later this year, as Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank, admitted in the minutes of their March 7 meeting published on Wednesday. Mr George warned of "the possibility that rates would have to be raised again at some point further ahead if monetary growth did not begin to moderate and when there was clearer evidence that the growth of demand and output had begun to accelerate".

So in economic terms, there is a case for an autumn election if the Budget is not going to produce much in the way of tax cuts and interest rates may have to be raised then. While the Government should survive until the autumn, its political position could look increasingly precarious over the winter if it suffers more by-election defeats or defections.

The strong preference of Conservative Central Office is for May 1 next year, to allow time for rising living standards and any tax cuts to work through. Prime ministers are reluctant to risk their office prematurely when their party is behind in the polls, as James Callaghan showed in 1978-79 and Mr Major did, successfully, in 1991-92. Next spring is still the most likely election date, but the Tories may receive less of an economic boost by waiting than they have previously hoped.

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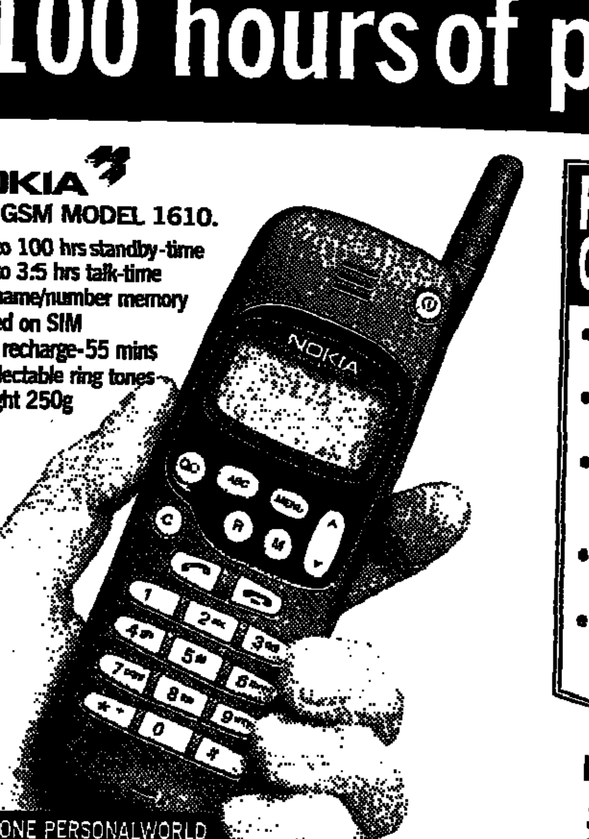

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Wilson: statue planned

# Tykes keep Wilson pounds in pockets

By Paul Wilkinson

**THE pound in your pocket is firmly being kept there, campaigners have found as they try to raise money for a statue of Lord Wilson of Rievaulx.**

**The public appeal to fund a memorial to the late Labour Prime Minister, who sought to reassure the nation over his government's devaluation of the pound, has a target of £25,000. After five weeks it has persuaded people to part with £250.**

**It is the second embarrassment the scheme has caused civic leaders in Lord Wilson's home town of Huddersfield. They had already been pilloried over suggestions from council officials that the statue could be sited near a loading bay behind a new shopping precinct or on the staircase of a multistorey car park at the bus station.**

**Shamed last month by public reaction, members of Kirklees Borough Council selected a prime site in front of Huddersfield's railway station, a Grade I* listed building. But in a display of Yorkshire thrift they voted not to spend council money on the memorial.**

**Instead they agreed to invest £10,000 to finance bursaries for two local people to study with the Open University, one of Lord Wilson's proudest creations, and presumed on public generosity for the statue. Eric Lawson, a leading councillor, said yesterday that the appeal had "gone off at half-cock" and would be relaunched next month.**

# Thousands flock in hope to the great allcomers' art show

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A MAN who has made dozens of unsuccessful attempts to have his paintings accepted by the annual Royal Academy Summer Exhibition returned to Burlington House yesterday to have another go. Like so many of the hopefuls who turned up with bubble-wrapped packages, he was undeterred by rejection.

Dennis Hawkins, from Repton, Derbyshire, might have taken comfort from Constable and Stanley Spencer, who were among those rejected by the Summer Exhibition in its 227-year history. The world's largest open show, selected by the artists who govern the Royal Academy, has been held every year since 1769, uninterrupted even by war.

Within hours of the doors opening for submissions, hundreds of people were heading down Piccadilly with their creations. More than 2,000 works were expected by the end of the first day for submissions. Last year the academy received nearly 12,000 entries, of which 1,100 made it.

Mr Hawkins said that faith kept drawing him back. Despite being excluded from previous shows, his enthusiasm was undimmed and he had high hopes for the three water-colour seascapes he was submitting this year. "It's wonderful that in England we've got this tradition of giving a little pleasure once a year to allcomers, in the glorious hope that an unrecognised Turner is hidden," he said.

The 16 members of the adjudicating committee began their afternoon session by sipping beef tea fortified with sherry, a Summer Exhibition ritual for as long as anyone can remember.

Professional and amateur artists are drawn each year to the show. One woman spent an hour wrapping her entry. Some looked so downcast it was as if they knew that the only walls on which their work would ever be hung were those at home.

Most were good-humoured and hopeful. Judith Lockie, from Suffolk, had had five unsuccessful attempts but was back again. "It's a lottery," she said, unpacking a print. "It's a weird show. Very English. There's such a mixture of ghastly work and brilliant stuff."

A Londoner, David Walter, who gave up a mathematics professorship in the Far East to paint, had also tried five times. Hoping to be sixth-time lucky, he said: "I just keep going. One day it'll happen. It's such a wonderful show. Any Tom, Dick and Harry like me can spend a tenner and submit work." He joked about feeling angry when he came across not one but three ghastly works by the same artist at one show.

Constable: was turned down by the academy

Several others had come to painting when their circumstances had changed. Andrew Davies, a self-taught artist from East Grinstead, West Sussex, was a fireman until he broke his ankle playing volleyball and was forced to retire.

Anne Davies, from Harpenden in Hertfordshire, who had worked as a saleswoman, started painting four years ago after falling down three flights of stairs. Painting proved therapeutic and she joined all sorts of art clubs. Her work was accepted last year. "It was incredible. Unbelievable," she said. Yesterday she submitted miniature landscapes.

A number of the pictures delivered yesterday would have been loved by the traditionalists or dismissed as "Bayswater railings works" by those who champion the schools of pickled animals and sleeping actresses.

*It is not too late to enter this year. A maximum of three works can be submitted until May 3. The exhibition runs from June 9 to August 18.*

SIMON WALKER

One of the 2,000 artists expected to have submitted their works yesterday

# Welsh clergy refuse church weddings for divorcees

By Lin Jenkins

A PROPOSAL that Welsh Anglicans should allow divorcees to remarry in church suffered a surprise defeat yesterday when the clergy voted to uphold tradition in the face of change promoted by the bishops. The Bill would have permitted regular members of the congregation to wed for a second time in church.

The ballot for approval was lost by two votes at the meeting of the Church in Wales's ruling body at the University of Wales in Lampeter, Dyfed. The proposal had needed a majority of two thirds in all three sections — bishops, laity and clergy — but fell to the latter.

Several parish clergy had threatened to boycott reform. Under the Bill they would have been able to exercise their discretion in the matter if they were strongly opposed to remarrying divorcees.

After intense debate during the Bill's third reading, in which bishops and lay members argued in favour of change, the vote was so close that a recount was ordered. Eventual victory by the traditionalists is seen as a major blow to reform, including the ordination of women priests, which is still banned in Wales. Opponents of the Bill argued it would further undermine the sanctity of marriage.

The Rt Rev Barry Morgan, Bishop of Bangor, who introduced the Bill and was one of its strongest supporters, denied that the solemn vows of marriage would be devalued. He argued that given that the Church was prepared to bless the union of divorcees, it should be prepared to remarry them in certain circumstances. "I would hate to give the impression that we believe marriage is no longer a permanent relationship between one man and one woman. But we believe that the principle of compassion and forgiveness is also very important."

The Church of England is still opposed in principle to remarriage in church. However, since the 1980s the decision has been left to individual clergy, providing the diocesan bishop approves, although it goes against canon law. The Act of Convocation of 1957 states that the Church "should not allow the use of that service in the case of anyone who has a former partner still living".

The Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian denomination in which the Princess Royal remarried, allows a minister to solemnise a second marriage in church providing that he does not accede as a matter of routine.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Husband on murder charge

**The former husband of a woman found tied up and drowned in a river in Cardiff was charged yesterday with her murder. The partially clothed body of Karen Skipper, 34, was recovered from the River Ely on March 10 after she disappeared while walking her two dogs.**

**Her former husband, Philip, was arrested by detectives at Ferndale, Rhondda, on Tuesday. South Wales Constabulary said Mr Skipper, 38, would appear before magistrates today.**

### Sporting gesture

**Pupils, their parents and teachers from Dunblane Primary School will be guests of Celtic Football Club at its match against Falkirk tomorrow. The club will be collecting for several charities, including the Dunblane Fund.**

### York breaks arm

**The actress Susannah York, 54, was recovering in hospital at Cosham, Hampshire, yesterday after she fell over and broke her arm while filming some closing shots for *Dark Blue Perfume*, the latest Ruth Rendell television drama, at West Meon.**

### Two committed

**A 15-year-old accused of murdering Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster, and another 15-year-old, both of west London, jointly accused of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm to a juvenile, have been committed to stand trial at the Old Bailey.**

### £22,000 'tip'

**A retired hairdresser who cut a former customer's hair for free was left £22,000 in her will. Beryl Harris, 68, of Mumbles, Swansea, was also left jewellery by Anne Llewellyn-Williams, 103, of Penmaen, West Glamorgan.**

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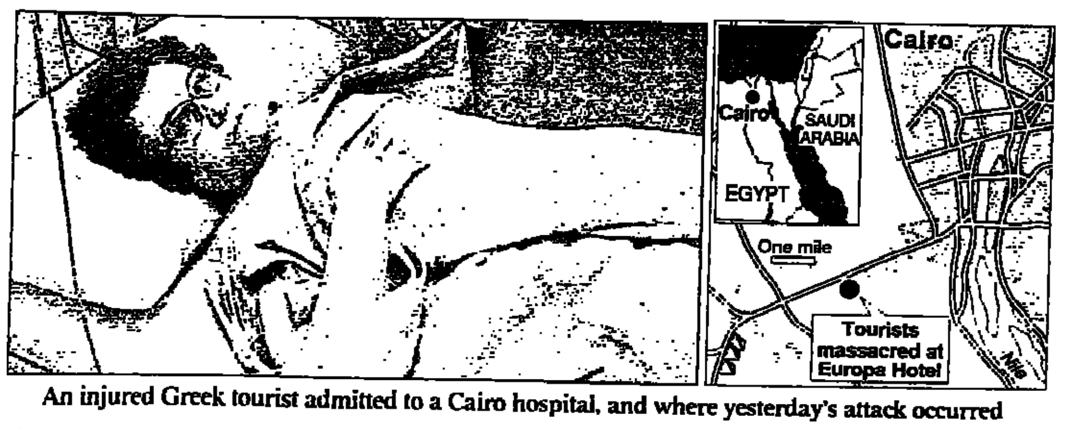
# Gunmen slaughter Greek pilgrims at Cairo hotel

**From Lauri Neff in Cairo**



An injured Greek tourist admitted to a Cairo hospital, and where yesterday's attack occurred

GUNMEN shouting "God is great" killed 17 Greek tourists on an Easter pilgrimage and one Egyptian in a machinegun attack at a Cairo hotel yesterday.

Another 15 were injured when the four gunmen opened fire outside the Europa Hotel, on the road leading to the pyramids at Giza.There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion fell on Islamic militants who have been waging a violent campaign to overthrow the Egyptian Government.

Witnesses said the attackers first took aim at a group waiting by a tourist bus and then at least one of the assailants ran inside.

When I arrived on the scene a few hours after the attack, blood and glass covered the ground in front of the hotel and in the lobby. My shoes were smeared red after walking through the area.

Some Australian tourists travelling with the Greek group described what happened. Anna Borkowska, of Sydney, was about to leave the restaurant when the shooting started. "The man in front of me was shot in the legs," she said. "There was blood everywhere. He must have died from the bleeding."

The group was visiting holy sites in Israel and Egypt. "The people who died died for their faith and belief in God, and they were martyrs," Mrs Borkowska said. "They died after worshipping the Almighty in Jerusalem."

Harry Paulinanas, 23, from Sydney, said he was still stunned hours after the attack. "I heard about five or six shots," Mr Paulinanas said. "I didn't realise what had happened. I heard screaming, saw bodies going down. I ran for my life and dodged a few bullets."

Several dozen riot police carrying plastic shields and machineguns lined the street in front of the hotel. Inside, scores of Egyptian officials shouted orders and questions as they herded a crowd of frightened tourists into the restaurant. As they filed by, they passed a bottle of water still intact that lay in a pool of blood. Witnesses said the woman who had been holding the bottle had been shot.

Hanna Iwanowska, from the Polish city of Gdansk, said she had just arrived at the hotel from Cairo airport and was waiting for her room key when the attack began.

"At first I didn't imagine it was serious, but I lay down and crawled behind the reception desk," she said, adding that she did not see the attackers, as she was too frightened to look up from the ground. Many of the witnesses said they were unsure of what had happened because of the swiftness and unexpectedness of the attack.

The injured were taken to a nearby hospital, where they were treated for wounds from gunfire and broken glass. Most of those hurt were elderly Greeks, who were left confused and frightened by the attack.

From his hospital bed, Manolakakis Youanis, 70, who is from a small village in Crete, held up his bandaged arm where he said he had been hit by several bullets.

"We were waiting outside the hotel to board a bus to Alexandria when the shooting started," Mr Youanis said. "I don't know who was shooting because we were talking among ourselves and suddenly we were surrounded by bullets. Many were killed and I saw a lot of blood."

Iloneedo Safra, 68, of Athens, wept as she showed me her injuries. Her frail legs were covered with shrapnel and glass wounds. She trembled as she talked of seeing the gunmen approaching.

The Egyptian Interior Ministry said the attackers had arrived outside the hotel in an unmarked van without number plates.

Radical groups, such as El Gamaa and El Islamiya, have in the past targeted foreign tourists in an effort to cripple the country's tourist industry. Before yesterday's attack, more than 920 people, including 26 foreigners, had been killed in Egytian political violence during the last four years. The spate of shootings had appeared to be easing recently, however, with attacks mainly confined to tourists visiting the south of the country.

The last major attack on tourists in Cairo was in 1993, when Muslim extremists armed with explosives and guns opened fire on a tour bus, wounding eight Austrians and eight Egyptian passers-by.

The pilgrims caught up in yesterday's attack had started their journey in Athens and continued to Jerusalem before arriving in Cairo.

A young Greek girl who declined to give her name trembled and burst into tears as she spoke of the dead and wounded. "I cannot imagine these things that happen to innocent people," she said. "I came here just to pray."

The hotel is thought to be frequented by Israeli tourists. A hotel operator denied that a group of Israeli Jews were staying there, but said the guest list included Israeli Arabs.

☐ **Athens:** Greece reacted with sorrow and anger to the Cairo attack yesterday. "Everyone is shocked and there is deep grief," President Stephanopoulos said.

Two Greek Air Force transport planes flew to Cairo to pick up the bodies of the victims, and as many of the injured as could be moved. A special Olympic Airways flight laid on for the relatives was scheduled to take off for Cairo last night. *(Reuter)*

Egyptian police inspect a bullet-scarred tourist bus outside the Cairo hotel

# Bitter blow dealt to Mubarak campaign against radicals

**By Christopher Walker, Middle East Correspondent**

YESTERDAY'S massacre of tourists in Egypt was a bitter blow for the pro-Western Government of President Mubarak. It had been boasting unwisely that the four-year-old campaign by Islamic militants had been largely contained.

Whether the motive was revenge for Israeli attacks against Hezbollah, or a continuation of the battle started in 1992 to drive out tourists and cut off the Government's main source of hard currency, the effect will be more instability in a country vital to the region's peace.

Egypt's bullish assessment that a hardline policy of repression — including more than 40 executions of Islamic militants — had been successful was shared by many Western diplomats based in Cairo. It was supported by figures showing a recent increase of nearly 20 per cent in the number of tourists, despite the continuing threat against them by the main terrorist group, Gamaa al-Islamiya.

Since late 1993, the battle between the militants and the 15-year-old Mubarak Government had been largely confined to rural areas of southern Egypt. To date, nearly 1,000 people have died in the violence which is designed to convert Egypt's traditionally tolerant society into an Iranian-syle theocratic state.

None of the 23 previous attacks against tourists, including the killing of a British woman in October 1992, had any of yesterday's methodical ruthlessness — which is one reason why some Egyptian commentators believe that the victims may have been mistaken for Israelis.

The embarrassment for President Mubarak is increased because the attack follows the 29-nation anti-terrorism conference, attended by Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin, which he hosted in the heavily guarded Red Sea resort of Sharm el Sheikh.

Assisted by a number of veterans of the Afghan War, the leader of Gamaa has found Egypt a fertile recruiting ground because of its social and economic problems. More than half the population cannot read, and unemployment is estimated at 20 per cent.

To date, the key to Mr Mubarak's survival has been the loyalty of the 400,000-strong army plus his network of security services. But the loyalties of an increasing number of middle and lower-ranking members of the security forces are not above suspicion. The danger for the West is that if Egypt should fall into extreme Muslim hands, it is assumed that Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Jordan and even Syria could swiftly follow suit.

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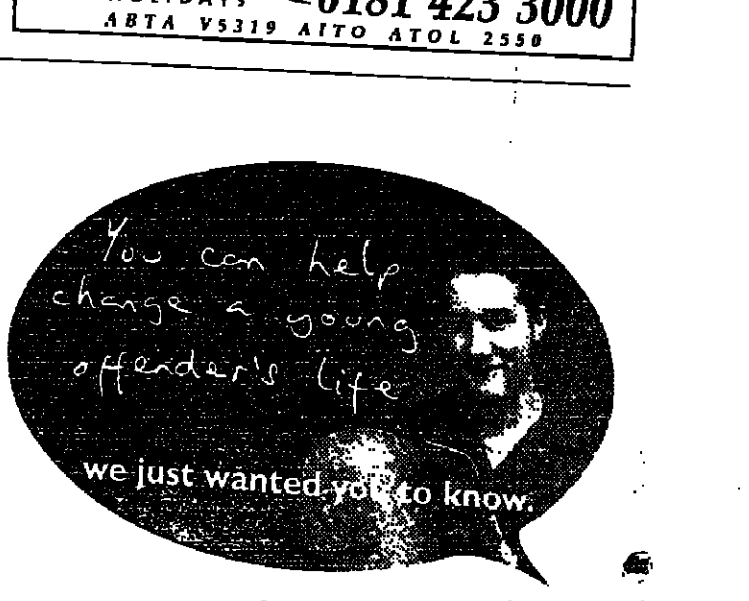
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# Cable and Wireless shares leap on BT merger hopes

Young: ousted as chairman

By Eric Reguly

SHARES of Cable and Wireless leapt yesterday on speculation that an agreement to merge with British Telecom was imminent. But the companies played down the rumours, saying substantive issues remained before they could sign a broad agreement to create £35 billion global telecoms group.

C&W shares gained 26p to 548p, breaking their previous high of 544p, on volume of about 10 million shares. Strong buying from American institutions was behind the rise. BT shares were up 6½p to 379p. The speculation that an agreement would be signed shortly came as C&W announced it will take a £120 million exceptional charge in its 1995-96 accounts on its disappointing Eastern European operations.

The charge includes £76 million of goodwill and will have no effect on the company's cash position. C&W said the write-down would be more than offset by the £199 million gain booked on sale of its 5 per cent interest in Mannesmann Mobilfunk, a mobile phone operator in Germany. The charge does not appear, as some investors assumed, as a bout of "house cleaning" in preparation for the merger with BT. One analyst said: "This is more about getting rid of the things that Lord Young collected."

Lord Young of Graffham was ousted as chairman in November along with James Ross, the chief executive. At the time, C&W was coming under fire for devoting too much managment time on small investments in risky countries. The charge relates mainly to investments in four companies with operations in Russia, Belorussia, Latvia and Bulgaria.

C&W's 32 per cent stake in Petersburg Long Distance, a Canadian company with a telecoms business in St Petersburg, is the best known of the lot. Its $106 million investment has lost more than a third of its value in the past two years. The next largest is C&W's majority interest in a joint venture whose only asset is a 49 per cent share of Lattelekom, the national telecoms company in Latvia.

C&W said it took the charge because "the expectations we had when we first entered the market have not been realised."

It said it would try to turn the businesses around. Some observers, however, think that C&W is more likely to bale out. If C&W and BT merge, their disposal is all but certain because they would be a management distraction.

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# Sterling lifted by surprise German move

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

A SURPRISE cut in German interest rates boosted sterling yesterday and revived hopes in the City that British rates could be cut again.

The Bundesbank cut its discount rate to 2.5 per cent from 3 per cent and its emergency Lombard financing rate to 4.5 per cent from 5 per cent, both changes effective from today. The German central bank said that its key money market repo rate would be kept fixed at 3.3 per cent for at least the next two weeks. The move takes the discount rate back to its record low seen in early 1988.

The Bundesbank was clearly responding to the chronic weakness in the German economy on the day after the Bonn Government admitted that economic growth was turning out to be far weaker than expected.

The rate move also came a day after the International Monetary Fund expressed concern that the economic slowdown in Europe is compromising the ability of Germany, France and others to meet the criteria for monetary union in 1999. The IMF suggested that, with no scope to boost growth on the fiscal side as governments attempt to cut their budget deficits, lower rates would be needed.

The move by the German central bank also comes on the eve of a meeting of the Group of Seven in Washington on Sunday. While G7 countries are happy with the depreciation in the yen over the past year, there is growing concern about the weakness of the German and consequently European economies.

German officials, both in Bonn and within the Bundesbank, have become increasingly concerned with the strength of the mark, which is now expected to weaken a little. Sterling benefited from yesterday's news, trading in London at around DM2.2785 from DM2.2730 late on Wednesday.

Tony Norfield, economist at ABN-Amro Hoare Govett, said that he expected a further appreciation in the pound and another ¼-point British rate cut, perhaps in June.

Yesterday the British Chambers of Commerce presented their latest snapshot of the British economy and said that there was no case either for an increase or a cut in interest rates, given the widening gap between the performance of manufacturing and service industries.

In its latest quarterly trends survey of a sample of more than 7,600 companies, the British Chambers of Commerce said that service sector companies, including high street shops, enjoyed their highest level of sales growth this decade in the first three months of 1996 — the service sector's best quarter for two years.

But in manufacturing, the chambers' survey showed home and export orders down as industry suffered from a rundown in stocks, with larger firms in particular being hit hard. Manufacturing growth is at its lowest level since late 1993.

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## Inflation remains unchanged at 2.7%

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BOTH key measures of British inflation remained unchanged in March compared with February as higher prices for food and leisure goods and an increase in house prices was offset by falling motoring costs.

The headline rate of retail price inflation was steady at 2.7 per cent and the underlying rate, targeted by the Government, was unchanged at 2.9 per cent.

While these figures were disappointing for the financial markets, which had been hoping for small falls in inflation, there is still considerable confidence that inflation will fall in the months ahead. In April, the effect of last year's cut in mortgage interest tax relief from 20 to 15 per cent will fall out of annual comparisons and take 0.22 per cent off headline inflation.

Lower mortgage rates are also expected to depress inflation over the next few months. In addition, sharp drops in industrial costs and prices should feed through to the high street.

This is a view shared by the Treasury, which noted yesterday that inflation remains low and is anticipated to fall further given that producer prices are still easing.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Investors queue for the Woolwich's annual meeting at QueenElizabeth II Conference Centre in London yesterday

# Speculators target Woolwich

By Caroline Merrell, Robert Miller and Anne Ashworth

SPECULATION grew that the Woolwich Building Society could now be taken over before its planned flotation yesterday, as its directors faced a barrage of acrimonious questions at the annual meeting over the sudden departure of Peter Robinson, the chief executive.

More than 1,000 savers and borrowers quizzed an embarrassed board over a report now being prepared on the circumstances surrounding Mr Robinson's departure. He was ousted following allegations of abuses of expenses and other irregularities.

The City now believes that the Woolwich has been "put into play" as a takeover target. One observer said yesterday: "The whole industry is casting its sliderule over the Woolwich."

Among those attending was Andrew Longhurst, Cheltenham & Gloucester chief executive — a Woolwich "carpetbagger", having joined the society just in time to benefit from its flotation. C&G is now part of Lloyds, which remains interested in further acquisitions.

A bid battle for Woolwich, the third-largest society, with its valuable brand name and 500-strong branch network, would mean a larger than expected payout for the 3.5 million savers and borrowers. At present, eligible Woolwich customers can expect to receive an average payout of £1,000. This could increase by at least £125 in a bid battle.

The Prudential is high on the list of possible interested parties. Other names mentioned include BAT, the financial services and tobacco group, Midland, Halifax and National Australia Bank.

The Woolwich board, chaired by Sir Brian Jenkins, was ceaselessly attacked from the floor over its handling of Mr Robinson's resignation. Sir Brian refused to comment in detail over the affair. He said: "The root of this issue was the loss of confidence and trust on the part of the board."

Dick Jones, a Woolwich member, was annoyed that the alleged financial irregularities that led to Mr Robinson's departure were not alluded to in the accounts.

Sir Brian said they would make no material difference to the society's profits, which were £333m in 1995. He also refused to say whether the report about Robinson would be made public. His reply drew cries of "cover up" from the assembled membership.

Attempting to reinforce the chairman's assertion, a defensive Donald Kirkham, the acting chief executive, said that the financial irregularities "did not amount to a row of beans".

Norman Ellis, another member, said: "Were people turning a blind eye to what was going on?"

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# Stars and stripes for Body Shop

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

THE first wholly independent social audit of a leading British company voices serious criticisms of The Body Shop International, the company that commissioned it.

Kirk Hanson, the American business academic, concludes that on most social matters Body Shop is more responsible and performs above average. "Certain dimensions of its social behaviour, however, raise concerns and should be addressed promptly."

Gordon Roddick, Body Shop chairman, said the report would be an agenda for action: "Our staff training is lousy, development of employees is not good enough and our communication with franchisees is not good."

Mr Hanson, a specialist in ethics and responsibility at California's Stanford Graduate Business School, marked The Body Shop out of five on a range of tests. The group gains five or four stars on its values, relations with employees, environmental performance and social campaigning, but it barely averages three stars on relations with shareholders and ranks below par on relations with the public and its franchisees.

The group is tagged with the lowest, one-star rating only on its prickly and defensive reaction to criticism.

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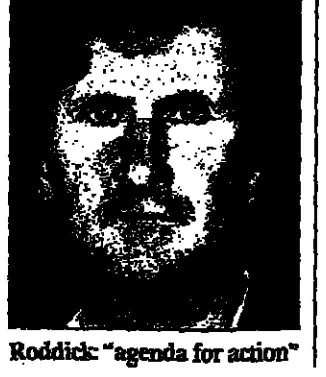

Roddick: "agenda for action"

# London Electricity bid talk

By Christine Buckley

BID EXPECTATIONS for London Electricity yesterday grew strongly with Houston Industries believed to be the potential predator.

London's shares moved up 28p to 813p as speculation increased that a move was close. Houston joined with Central and South West Corporation for an abortive bid on Norweb last year, and is known to have kept a keen interest in moving in on the UK electricity market.

The electricity sector has been enlivened by the approach to National Power by Southern Company of the US, but is also in the midst of pre-election urgency. Potential bidders are thought to be hurrying to seal deals ahead of a possible Labour government, which has indicated a tougher stance on utility takeovers.

The Texan Houston Industries would not comment on a potential move and London, whose name has also been linked with Thames Water, also declined to comment on whether talks were in progress.

London has forged a number of strategic links with Thames Water aimed at sharing information technology and other duplicated functions. While both sides have so far said that such links will stop short of full merger, the joint operations are also likely to enhance London's takeover appeal.

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| STOCK MARKET INDICES | | |
|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100 | 3820.7 | (+15.1) |
| Yield | 3.89% | |
| FT-SE A All share | 1906.36 | (+8.99) |
| Nikkei | 21812.50 | (-3.72) |
| New York: | | |
| Dow Jones | 5560.04 | (+10.11)* |
| S&P Composite | 644.45 | (+2.84)* |
| **US RATE** | | |
| Federal Funds | 5⅛%* | (5⅛%) |
| Long Bond | 89 13/32* | (89 19/32) |
| Yield | 6.84%* | (6.82%) |
| **LONDON MONEY** | | |
| 3-mth Interbank | 6% | (5 31/32%) |
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| **STERLING** | | |
| New York: | | |
| $ | 1.5100* | (1.5097) |
| London: | | |
| $ | 1.5075 | (1.5085) |
| DM | 2.2795 | (2.2737) |
| FFr | 7.7316 | (7.7240) |
| SFr | 1.8527 | (1.8489) |
| Yen | 162.01 | (163.26) |
| £ Index | 83.6 | (83.6) |
| **DOLLAR** | | |
| London: | | |
| DM | 1.5073* | (1.5068) |
| FFr | 5.1145* | (5.1150) |
| SFr | 1.2228* | (1.2276) |
| Yen | 107.15* | (108.21) |
| $ Index | 96.7 | (96.8) |
| Tokyo close Yen 108.25 | | |
| **NORTH SEA OIL** | | |
| Brent 15-day (Jul) | $17.45 | ($18.10) |
| **GOLD** | | |
| London close | $391.45 | ($391.25) |

* denotes midday trading price

# National Power spurns US suitor

By Christine Buckley

NATIONAL POWER yesterday began to defend itself against bid interest from Southern Company by refusing to talk to the US utility.

The hardening of attitude by the UK's largest generator, which had earlier issued a non-committal response to Southern's first announcement, is said to have surprised the US company which has been heavily lobbying the electricity industry.

It is now thought to be possible that Southern could abandon the takeover plans. Its retreat would be a significant turnround after it has mounted a heavy telephone campaign to win over chief executives of regional companies. Southern has been trying to persuade the industry of its case amid controversy over the plan that could put a third of Britain's power generation in Amercian hands.

National Power said there was no point in a meeting between Tom Boren, chief executive of Southern Electric International, and its own chief executive and chairman. It questioned whether Southern had the financial strength to deliver a satisfactory bid.

However, many in the industry believe that Southern is on the prowl for both National Power and Southern (UK) if Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, sanctions the generator's bid for the regional company and endorses vertical integration.

In a letter to Mr Boren, John Baker, chairman of National Power, said: "National Power is not now and will not be for sale" unless there is compelling shareholder value.

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# BA forms alliance with US airline

BRITISH AIRWAYS has formed a new alliance with the US regional airline America West, which will connect up America's network of domestic routes with BA's transatlantic flights to Phoenix, Arizona.

BA starts a new daily non-stop service from London Gatwick to Phoenix on July 1. "The new agreement will feed Phoenix passengers directly on to America West's network of services to 96 destinations," the airlines said in a joint statement.

Under the deal the airlines intend to share flight codes, an industry marketing technique that will combine BA and America West's networks in flight reservation systems.

"Subject to government approval, services to Albuquerque, Burbank, El Paso, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Oakland, Ontario, Orange County, San Jose and Tucson will carry the flight numbers of both America West and British Airways," the statement said. BA said the deal with America West, ranked the ninth largest airline in the United States, will open up the western United States to its passengers.

Peter Spencer, BA's regional director for the Americas, said: "This agreement will give our passengers access to an excellent network in south-west USA."

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
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| Australia $ | 2.02 | 1.86 |
| Austria Sch | 17.00 | 15.50 |
| Belgium Fr | 49 70 | 45 40 |
| Canada $ | 2.161 | 2 001 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0 749 | 0 694 |
| Denmark Kr | 9.39 | 8.59 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.71 | 7.06 |
| France Fr | 8.14 | 7 49 |
| Germany Dm | 2.43 | 2.22 |
| Greece Dr | 336 00 | 361 00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.35 | 11 35 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.02 | 0.94 |
| Israel Shk | 5.2000 | 4 5500 |
| Italy Lira | 2489 00 | 2334 00 |
| Japan Yen | 177.30 | 161.30 |
| Malta | 0.592 | 0.537 |
| Netherlds Gld | 2.694 | 2.464 |
| New Zealand $ | 2.36 | 2.14 |
| Norway Kr | 10.41 | 9.61 |
| Portugal Esc | 244 50 | 226 00 |
| S Africa Rd | 6.91 | 6.11 |
| Spain Pta | 197.00 | 184.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.84 | 10 04 |
| Switzerland Fr | 1.98 | 1.80 |
| Turkey Lira | 116135 | 108135. |
| USA $ | 1.610 | 1.480 |

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# PIA move to make advisers liable angers investment firms

By Robert Miller

MORE than 100,000 pension and investment advisers will in future have to answer directly to their City watchdog. The announcement that advisers will have to sign individual contracts and be personally liable to fines or even expulsion from the financial services industry sparked an angry reaction from some of the largest providers of life, pensions and investment products.

The Personal Investment Authority, which polices firms selling directly to the public, yesterday unveiled plans to introduce personal contracts between 120,000 advisers and their regulator. The PIA, headed by Colette Bowe, said the new measure would prevent an individual taking up an appointment, where PIA is not satisfied that the individual is fit and proper, and enable the PIA to take direct disciplinary action against an individual.

The PIA, which plans to introduce the tough new regime next year, will also insist that firms take even more responsibility for their sales staff by requiring them to certify, in writing, that managers and advisers employed by the company have been properly vetted. The watchdog added: "Failure to carry out this firm-based vetting will be a punishable offence."

David Mott, a spokesman for Co-operative Insurance, one of the largest firms to be affected with more than 6,000 representatives, said: "The PIA move is just bureaucratic and an unnecessary expense that will have to be borne by the customer at the end of the day. We have estimated that individual registration will cost around £150,000 in the first year alone." Mr Mott added: "We already have the proper systems in place and the new move will simply duplicate records. The matter could reliably be left in the hands of the providers and PIA officials could monitor or check our records whenever they wanted."

Legal & General said: "The PIA move for individual contracts is very questionable. There will be very considerable additional costs involved and little positive benefit. We already have very strict monitoring criteria and systems in place."

The PIA's stand on individual contracts with sales representatives and agents will almost certainly be backed by the influential Commons Treasury Select Committee, headed by Sir Tom Arnold. Last summer Ms Bowe, PIA chief executive and her chairman Joe Palmer, former chief executive of Legal & General, were pressed to introduce individual contracts without delay.

Mr Palmer said yesterday: "The introduction of individual contracts will strengthen investor confidence. I believe it will also increase public confidence."

# GRE poised to buy RAC's insurance broking side

By Marianne Curphey

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange is poised to acquire the *broking arm of the RAC and* begin selling motor, household, health and life insurance under the RAC brand.

The bid from GRE would require the RAC to drop its panel of 20 insurers and switch all its underwriting contracts to GRE. The RAC brand will remain, and is seen by GRE as a valuable asset because of loyalty to the RAC by its six million members.

A statement yesterday from GRE confirmed discussions were being held "about a long *term strategic alliance*". The RAC brand will be sold via Guardian Direct, GRE's new telephone insurance service. Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance, who are on the RAC's panel, are also thought to have been approached.

The Automobile Association, which uses a panel of 42 insurers, yesterday criticised the RAC for planning to "abandon its independence.". Mark Wood, managing director of AA insurance services, said: "We believe it is a misguided strategy and not one we would follow. The AA and the RAC are both membership clubs and it is important to give members the choice. The RAC's commission income has been falling steadily and *the insurance market* as a whole has dropped by 14 per cent over the last few years. We have four times the motor book of the RAC and have not needed to run for cover."

Neil Johnson, the RAC chief executive, said: "Following discussions with a number of interested parties, Guardian Royal Exchange has emerged as a potential partner. It has the necessary range of capabilities for a successful and growing relationship to provide improved value and service *to an RAC database of* over six million individuals."

The Royal Automobile Club, which was founded in 1897 and has been offering motor insurance for more than 20 years, is not intending to sell its motor breakdown service.

A GRE spokesman said it was not interested in acquiring breakdown business but added there was scope to increase the range of personal financial products under the RAC banner.

"Talks are going on and no final agreement has been reached but we believe the deal will give us opportunities for cross-selling," he added.

Ann Iverson: plans to expand home furnishings

# Return to profit for Laura Ashley

By Sarah Bagnall

LAURA ASHLEY, the clothing and furnishing group, yesterday reported a return to profit and its first significant dividend for six years.

The shares rose 16p to 180p. Ann Iverson, chief executive since July, also disclosed plans to build up the home furnishings business by opening new stand-alone stores. Sales are currently split equally but Ms Iverson wants home furnishing sales to represent 65 per cent of group sales.

The retailer reported a pretax profit of £10.3 million in the year to January 27 — the highest since 1989 and a sharp turnaround from the loss of £30.6 million last time. The turnaround was achieved on the back of a 4 per cent advance in sales to £336.6 million. The group operates 175 stores in the UK, 177 in the US and 76 in Europe.

The profit improvement largely reflected tight cost controls. Ms Iverson was pleased with the advance in profits but "much remains to be done". However, confidence in the future led to payment of a final dividend of 0.5p a share. Although nominal dividends of 0.1p have been paid in previous years, this is the first significant dividend since 1989.

In the first ten weeks of this year, total shop sales are up 1 per cent overall and 3 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Watchdog examines disciplinary process

THE Securities and Futures Authority, the City watchdog, is considering a revamp of its disciplinary procedures in the wake of criticism of its handling of former staff of Barings, the failed merchant bank. Nick Durlacher, the SFA chairman, said that the regulator was considering the transparency of its disciplinary process and the responsibilities of senior executives at regulated firms. In March the SFA began disciplinary action against individuals linked to Barings, which collapsed in February 1995. But because of its rules, the SFA was unable to name the individuals involved or the charges against them.

The regulator was also considered too lenient with the two executives at the helm of Barings, Peter Baring, the chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy. The SFA said they were not responsible for the bank's collapse yet sought assurances from them that they would not seek top management jobs in the City.

### Fall in car production

CAR production fell by 12 per cent last month, compared with a year ago, and the number of commercial vehicles built suffered an even bigger decline, falling almost 18 per cent to 21,664. Figures released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics showed total car production of 148,745 last month, compared with 170,530 in March of last year. Over the first three months of the year, UK car production totalled 422,987, a rise of just 0.32 per cent on the same period in 1995.

### Bloomsbury at £1m

BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, the book publisher, lifted profits before tax by 19.2 per cent to £1.01 million in the year to December 31. The total dividend is increased to 3.4p a share from 2.64p, through a 2.72p final payout. Earnings fell to 7.8p per share from 11.46p as a result of a provision for deferred tax. The shares, unchanged by the news, were 101p. Turnover was 17.3 per cent higher at £11.37 million but there was an increase in marketing and distribution costs of almost 59 per cent to £1.39 million.

### Bunzl acquires Payne

BUNZL, the international paper and plastics group, has agreed to acquire the PP Payne companies from Norcros for £43.4 million. Payne is a supplier of self-adhesive tear tapes and a UK manufacturer of plastic strapping. In the year to March 31, 1995, the business earned operating profits of £4 million, and it is expected that a significant increase was achieved in the financial year just ended. Norcros said the proceeds from the disposal will be used to reduce the company's borrowings.

### Franc hits Peugeot sales

PSA Peugeot Citroen, the French car manufacturer, said profits fell 45 per cent to Fr1.7 billion (£187 million) last year as the franc's strength against other currencies and weak sales took their toll. Sales slipped 1.2 per cent to Fr164.25 billion. Operating margins shrank to 2.3 per cent of sales from 4.4 per cent, while the company's debt rose nearly 30 per cent. The 1995 dividend is cut by Fr1 to Fr5 a share. There was a 2.1 per cent drop in total car sales in France in spite of government incentives to boost demand.

### Bodycote surges to £19m

BODYCOTE INTERNATIONAL, the metal technology and general industrial company, increased pre-tax profits to £18.94 million in 1995 from £15.8 million in spite of a fall in turnover to £80.39 million from £84.3 million. Bodycote Metal Technology, the firm's flagship increased profits by 41 per cent to £12.5 million, assisted by the acquisition of Powernet in Sweden. Headline earnings per share increased to 21.7p from 17.5p. A final dividend of 4.1p a share lifts the total to 6.5p from 5.75p.

### BCCI settlement move

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, the United Kingdom and Cayman Islands liquidator to the failed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, is to announce plans today for a $70 million settlement in relation to $150 million that was allegedly "subvented" from the BCCI and ICIC Staff *Benefit Trusts in 1986. The liquidator* is to put up $50 million and a third, unnamed party, the remaining $20 million. Hearings will be held in the Cayman Islands on May 27 and in the High Court in London on June 4.

### Henry Boot at record

HENRY BOOT & SONS, the construction company, achieved a 6.5 per cent increase in profits last year in spite of difficult trading conditions in the industry. Profits rose to a record £8.69 million before tax from £8.16 million and earnings were 23.6p a share, rising from 22.8p. There is a final dividend of 5.55p a share, making a total of 7.5p (7.1p). The shares rose 3p to 223p. Turnover fell marginally to £179.2 million from £184 million. House sales fell below the levels of the previous year.

# Adtranz to shed 224 jobs as new train orders dry up

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

BRITAIN'S train manufacturing industry suffered another blow yesterday when Adtranz, the largest UK train-maker, announced 224 redundancies.

The job losses will be from factories at Derby, Crewe and Chart Leacon, near Ashford in Kent. The biggest losses are in the bogie division in Derby, which will see 120 redundancies. A further 60 will go at Crewe and 44 at Chart Leacon.

The redundancies have been caused mainly by the absence of new train orders, the longest in the history of the railways in Britain, since the start of rail privatisation.

A spokeswoman said that a number of rolling stock leasing companies and franchise operators were talking about possible new orders. "There is a bit of a glimmer at the end of the tunnel, with orders coming, but that will not mean anything on the factory floor for another two years," she said.

Stig Svard, Adtranz's chief executive, said: "This is a very sad day for the company and more so for those people who will have to leave under redundancy. It is, however, a vital step to ensure that we retain our competitive edge in the very difficult market conditions in which we are operating."

Adtranz, formed in January through a merger of the railway arms of ABB and Daimler-Benz, employs 4,300 workers at 10 sites in the UK. The business used to employ 9,000 workers when it operated as the engineering section of British Rail before it was privatised in 1989.

Preliminary Announcement of 1995 Results

Year Ended 31st December 1995

| FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS | 1995 | 1994 |
|---|---|---|
| Total Turnover | £4,614.2m | £4,156.2m |
| Total Trading Profit | £365.6m | £317.0m |
| Profit before Exceptional Profit and Taxation | £329.3m | £283.3m |
| Earnings per share before Exceptional Profit | 77.5p | 66.3p* |

Proposed final dividend of 17.6p per share (1994 - 16.0p) making a total paid and proposed for the year of 25.3p per share, an increase of 10.0 per cent over the 23.0p paid for 1994.

* Adjusted to reflect the bonus element included in the 1995 rights issue.

The 1995 Annual Report will be posted to shareholders on 3rd May 1996. To reserve a copy, telephone 01932 568833.

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☐ Wallflowers at the building societies' hop ☐ A candid exercise in self-revelation ☐ Will BT square up to the regulator?

# Care to take the floor?

☐ REMEMBER the horrors of adolescence — the spots, the tantrums, the self-doubt, and worst of all, the Saturday evenings at the teenage hop among all the other wallflowers? So sympathise for a moment with those as yet unmatched building societies' chiefs who must attend next month's annual jamboree in Birmingham.

This year's great building society scramble has become like the great utilities scramble of last autumn that has been so helpfully revived by the Americans. In both cases, thousands and thousands of investors who had plumped their few hundred quid on the counter hoping for only modest returns in fairly obscure investments are now looking at unexpected windfalls.

In both cases, their gains have encouraged others from outside to try to identify the next domino to fall. In utilities, they are called investors and have some degree of respectability: in building societies, they are carpetbaggers and are universally reviled.

In both cases, the scramble has left a few wallflowers, not by any means the worst of the bunch, wondering where they went wrong. There are three regional electricity companies as yet unbid for: there are likewise, of the top ten building societies, three that look set to retain their mutual status. What will the chiefs of the Nationwide, the Bradford & Bingley and the Yorkshire say to their peers in Birmingham?

The answer is that all three will emphasise the benefits of continuing independence and mutuality, and several have put up convincing arguments to this effect. But their problem is that the scramble to acquire their rivals, like that to buy a British utility, has acquired its own momentum. Electricity and, to a lesser extent, water now has a scarcity value that, according to classic laws of supply and demand, means that if you truly want a company, you had better act now.

Likewise building societies; while investors also have purely financial incentives not to lose out on the rush. If you are a bank seeking to buy a society that is thinking of floating, all you have to do is put a higher price on the table to the members than the incumbent management can afford, paying for it out of the perceived benefits of "synergy". If your quarry is not looking to demutualise, then you have to persuade the members their short-term interests are better served by a lump sum now.

Which brings us to the Woolwich, whose bad-tempered meeting yesterday was at least spared an appearance by Peter Robinson as Banquo's Ghost to make things worse. The assumption when he went last month was that this would not derail progress to a stock market float. By now the betting must be that it will, not least because of that Gadarene-like momentum. Any partner would have no difficulty topping the £1,000 handout available to the average Woolwich investor, and would have time on its side. Care to dance?

## Body Shop's unlikely winner

☐ THE idea of Body Shop commissioning a social audit of itself conjures up an off-putting vision of the worthy trying to justify their worthiness to the self-righteous. But it did not turn out that way. That is greatly to the credit of the company, which gave *carte blanche* to Kirk Hanson, an experienced American business academic who spent 60 days coming up with a more down-to-earth "audit" than sceptics might have expected. As a result, it turned into an exercise that all big companies should consider, even if the principles and practice they want to test are quite different from those of Anita and Gordon Roddick.

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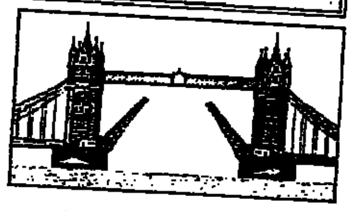


The company had a particular problem. Having traded on its social responsibility and fair dealing, as well as the benign nature of its products, it found the very strength of its brand under threat when American critics attacked its record. The company set up its own attitude audit among "stakeholder" groups, published as a "Social Statement" in January. As chairman Gordon Roddick admits, however, this would never win credibility among critics on its own. It still needed courage to hand over to a tough outsider.

Mr Hanson identified much the same strengths and weaknesses as the internal audit, but his judgments are much harsher than the generally approving British stakeholders. So the audit has educated management and become a useful agenda for action on anything from board structure to training, instead of merely ratifying its self-image.

Ironically, the harshest verdict was over the company's defensive reaction to criticism. Publication of this 30-page warts-and-all report answers that. It might also put off others. There is a difference between being open and confessing all your sins in public.

Mr Roddick, who had to suffer sleepless nights, advises that others might prefer to commission their first couple of audits as a private exercise before revealing all, to avoid any chance of an exercise in self-improvement deteriorating into self-destruction. Many others could benefit from such a candid exercise. As at Body Shop, trading performance should benefit too once action is taken.

## When surrender has its merits

☐ ON THE surface, there is no link between BT's efforts to merge with Cable and Wireless and BT's efforts to thwart Oftel. The merger is aimed at creating a £35 billion global phone and multimedia company; the fight with the regulator is to ensure that Oftel does not succeed in reducing BT's prices to the point that its domestic operations become, in effect, a social service.

Oftel has said it would go nuclear and resort to a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry if BT rejects the new inflation-based price reduction formula, a fight to be determined by the summer. But consider this: the C&W merger negotiations might have the effect of reducing the likelihood of such an inquiry. This is for two reasons. BT is working flat out to reach an agreement in principle with C&W by the summer and does not need the mammoth distraction of an MMC probe while management is already approaching overload.

More significantly, BT does not need the uncertainty, because uncertainty is always bad for share prices. BT and C&W plan to come together through a share swap, and so it is in BT's best interests to ensure that its shares are trading as high as possible when the terms of the deal are struck. An MMC inquiry might rattle investors, who, with all good reason, would fear that it might go against BT.

BT would never admit that it is considering a retreat in the war with Oftel. Avoiding an inquiry, however, might make the process of building one of the largest and most diverse world telecoms groups a lot easier.

## Lucky Ken?

☐ PERHAPS Canny Ken should henceforth be known as Lucky Ken. Fortune really does seem to smile on our Chancellor. Just when the City had constructed a clear-cut case against tax cuts and a strong one against lower base rates, Germany obligingly cut its own rates and the betting on a corresponding June reduction here has reopened. With luck like that, how can the Chancellor go wrong?

# RMC knocks down hopes of building on record profits

By Sarah Cunningham

RMC, the building materials group, announced record profits for 1995 yesterday but gave warning that in the first half of this year profits would be "appreciably below" those of the same period last year.

It said the immediate outlook for the group was affected by weaker demand in Germany, Britain and France, exacerbated by a prolonged and severe winter. Although it hopes for a pick up in housing activity in Britain in the second half, profits look unlikely to match those of 1995.

The group made a pre-tax, pre-exceptional profit last year of £329.3 million, up 16.2 per cent. It also made an exceptional profit of £12.4 million on the disposal of its 25 per cent stake in Lieferbeton, its Austrian subsidiary. It is proposing a full-year dividend of 25.3p, up 10 per cent, with a 17.6p final.

Its shares fell initially on the profit warning but ended virtually unchanged, up 1p at £10.51, recovering after the Bundesbank cut interest rates. Germany accounts for about 50 per cent of RMC's profits.

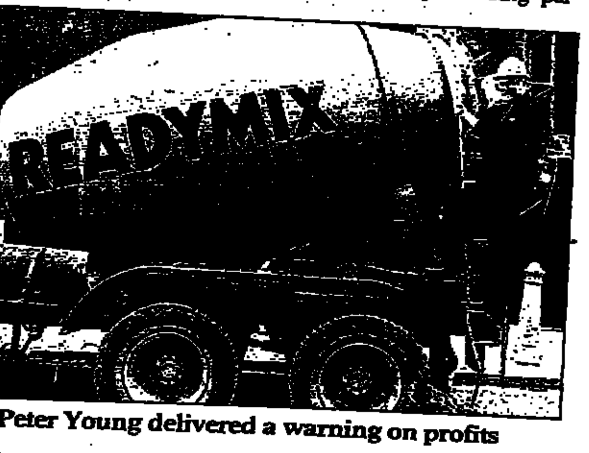
Peter Young, chief executive, said that the first half of last year was particularly good, but business deteriorated in the second half. "I hope this year ends up as the other way round, with the second half improving on a poor first half," he said.

In Germany, housing permits have fallen 13 per cent, although completions have gone up, suggesting that a dip in housing activity is on the way. The group has refurbished a plant at Rudersdorf, near Berlin, and is confident of cashing in on the commercial and infrastructure building boom as the city prepares to become Germany's capital.

The fall in British building activity in the second half meant cuts in volumes in most product sectors, but cost control and firm margins helped keep profits in line with the second half of 1994.

The group has done well in the US and Israel, with combined profits up 70 per cent last year, and this was seen continuing into 1996. In the US, RMC had record profits in 1995. The group said it is now looking at the possibility of expanding into India and Malaysia. It may also make some add-on acquisitions in markets where it already operates.

By sector, ready mixed concrete and aggregates turnover rose to £2.9 billion (£2.5 billion), with profits rising to £202 million (£178 million). Turnover from cement, lime and concrete products rose to £1.2 billion (£1.1 billion), with profits up to £141 million (£120 million).



Peter Young delivered a warning on profits

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# Orange shares are squeezed

**Orange, the mobile telephone company floated on the London Stock Exchange in March, said yesterday that it had added more than 120,000 new customers since January and now had in excess of 500,000 subscribers. However, the company's shares fell by 2½p to 233p.**

Last month the company's £2.45 billion share offer was ten times subscribed. The shares were offered at 205p each. The flotation reduced Hutchison Whampoa's stake in the company to 48.22 per cent. British Aerospace has a 21.91 per cent interest.

# Niceday sold for £142m

By Sarah Cunningham

WH SMITH has sold its business supplies division to Guilbert, the French office stationery company, for about £142 million cash. The sale is the first result of a company-wide strategic review, expected to be completed at the end of May.

The markets had been speculating on the disposal of Niceday, but not at such a high price, and WH Smith shares closed up 15p at 491p yesterday.

The division, WH Smith Business Supplies, producer of the Niceday brand, is one of Britain's leading stationery suppliers and employs 1,400 people in Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Andover in Hampshire and Horsham in West Sussex. The company said it did not expect Guilbert, the largest French company in the sector and now the largest single player in the UK market, to announce any redundancies.

The performance of the division has been disappointing for WH Smith, with operating profits in the second half of last year down to £1.7 million from £7.1 million in the first half. Bill Cockburn, WH Smith chief executive, said this partly resulted from problems in bringing a hub at Andover on-stream.

He said a stagnant sales position would have meant improving its performance and would have been "a hard slog", but he was sure the French company, with its more international profile, would be able to improve its fortunes. Mr Cockburn said he was very pleased with the price, which he said was based on its potential rather than on its profitability.

# McDonnell Douglas rises

McDonnell Douglas, the aerospace and defence group, achieved a 25 per cent rise in first-quarter earnings to $198 million from $159 million, helped by a strong performance at its military aircraft subsidiary. Earnings were $1.78 a share, up from $1.38.

Total revenues slipped to $3.2 billion from $3.3 billion, primarily because of a decrease in deliveries of commercial aircraft. Revenues from commercial aircraft dropped to $428 million from $917 million. Revenues from military aircraft rose 6 per cent to $2 billion.

# McDonald's sees another record year

McDONALD'S CORP, the American fast food company, said it continues to expect another record-breaking year of sales and profits in 1996, in spite of a continued competitive US market. Yesterday McDonald's said first-quarter US operating income dropped 4 per cent to $259.2 million from $269.4 million a year ago. US sales in the quarter rose 4 per cent to $1.05 billion.

Outside the United States, operating income rose 9 per cent to $314.2 million, including a $16 million accounting charge, compared with $288.1 million a year ago. Sales outside America rose 20 per cent to $1.37 billion.

McDonald's reported earnings for the first quarter of $0.44 a share, excluding a $0.02 charge for the accounting change, up from $0.39.

# Healthy outlook for SmithKline

By Eric Reguly

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals and healthcare group, yesterday reported stronger than expected first-quarter results and said that it was on target to meet profit forecasts for the year.

Jan Leschly, chief executive, said: "We are not changing our forecast. We expect to achieve double-digit earnings growth."

In the three months to March 31, SmithKline's pre-tax profits rose 7 per cent to £387 million on turnover that was up 10 per cent to £1.87 billion. Analysts had expected pre-tax profits in the £375-£380 million range. Earnings per share were 9.5p, up 6 per cent.

Mr Leschly said that the success of new products, such as Kytril, an anti-sickness drug for cancer patients, were behind the company's improved results.

SmithKline also announced that it would start to advertise Nicorette, the first over-the-counter aid to giving up smoking, on American television this week. It is the first campaign of its kind in the United States for more than 20 years.

In the year to December 31, the company reported profits before tax and exceptional items of £1.36 billion, a 7 per cent increase on the the previous year. SmithKline's shares closed 18p higher at 676½p.

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# HoF chief defends choice

By Sarah Bagnall

BRIAN MCGOWAN, chairman of House of Fraser, yesterday staked his future at the struggling department store group on the success of John Coleman, the newly appointed chief executive who joins at the end of the month.

Mr McGowan, who was responsible for the appointment of Mr Coleman, a former managing director of Texas Homecare, said: "I will have to live or die by this choice." The appointment, announced last week, was greeted with a fall in the share price. Mr Coleman fills the void left vacant by last month's sudden departure of Andrew Jennings, the group's managing director.

Mr McGowan made his remarks as he disclosed a sharp fall in profits at the Dickens & Jones and Army & Navy group, from £28 million to £14.3 million in the year to January 27. This was in line with expectations after a series of profit warnings. Sales from continuing operations fell from £754.7 million to £748.9 million.

The decline in profits reflected a 1.6 per cent fall in the gross margin, which was blamed on an £11 million overhang of old stock and the poor performance of ladies' wear. "We brought the wrong clothes," Mr McGowan said, adding that the buying team has been strengthened.

The dividend, due July 1, was held at 3.8p and is payable out of earnings of 5p a share, down from 8.2p. The shares rose 2p to 174p.

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WOOLWICH RECORDS A STRONG FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Sir Brian Jenkins, Chairman

Addressing the 148th Annual General Meeting of the Woolwich Building Society held yesterday, Chairman, Sir Brian Jenkins reported:

*"...a strong financial performance during 1995 despite intense competition in our key markets."*

This resulted in:

RECORD PRE-TAX PROFIT OF £333m
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ASSETS INCREASED TO £28bn
REDUCTION IN BAD DEBT PROVISIONS
UNDERLYING COST TO INCOME RATIO DOWN TO 47.3%, FROM 49.1%

Pointing out that the U.K. housing market had failed to show signs of recovery during the year, Sir Brian referred to gross and net mortgage lending, of £3.1bn and £929m respectively, as a "significant achievement". He drew attention to the diversification strategy undertaken by the Woolwich in recent years, selecting five subsidiaries for special mention:

WOOLWICH INSURANCE SERVICES (General Insurance)
The Woolwich became the first building society to move into the direct provision of insurance services

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS (Unit Trusts)
Increased managed funds from £325m to £410m with 78,000 investors by year end

WOOLWICH PROPERTY SERVICES (Estate Agency)
Introduced 6000 new mortgages creating £310m of gross lending

BANQUE WOOLWICH (France)
doubled assets earlier this year

BANCA WOOLWICH SpA (Italy)
30% increase in lending and bank status gained in October 1995

With reference to the Society's conversion and flotation, he said:
*"The conversion project is progressing well, according to the plan and timetable. We are working closely with the Building Societies Commission and The Bank of England. Conversion will not change the Woolwich's traditional values, as we approach our 150th anniversary. They have provided the foundation of our success and will continue to do so in the years to come. Conversion will provide the means, operational flexibility and structure to advance into a changing world as a strong, independent company serving our millions of customers."*

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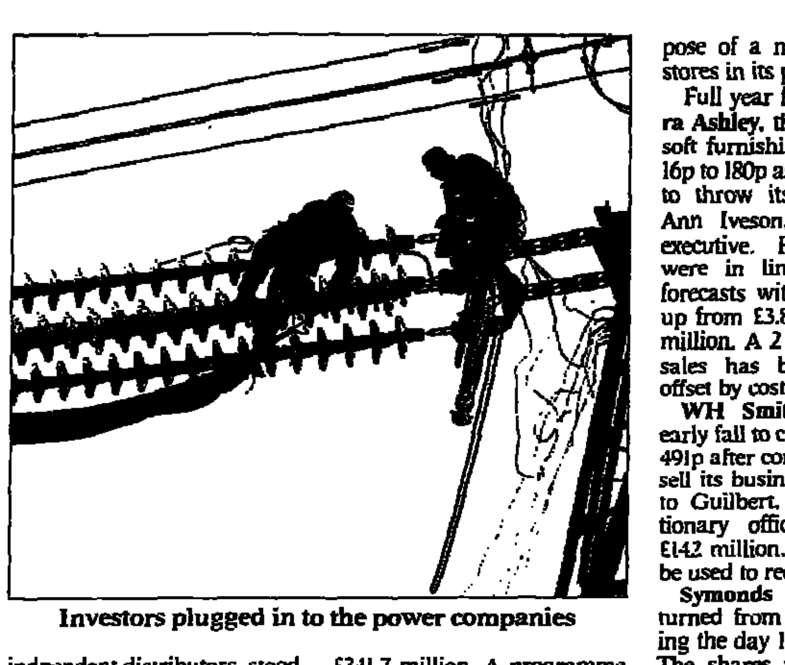
STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

# German rate cut gives shares new lease of life



Investors plugged in to the power companies

THE surprise half-point cut in German interest rates steered both K bonds and share prices back on a positive course. Equities had been marked lower at the outset reflecting Wall Street's 70-point fall overnight and continued to lose ground as dealers expressed initial disappointment with the latest inflation numbers.

But the Bundesbank takes pride in wrong-footing financial markets and it will no doubt be especially proud of yesterday's performance. The half-point cut enabled the FT-SE 100 index to reverse a 14-point deficit to end the session 15.1 higher at 3,820.7 with turnover falling just shy of 1 billion shares.

Sentiment was further bolstered by another flurry of takeover speculation. This time the spotlight focused on **Lucas Industries** where the price accelerated 20p to 224p wiping out an 11p fall the previous day prompted by talk of a diesel contract turning sour.

There was talk that Lucas could find itself on the receiving end of a bid from another European automotive components group. There were even suggestions that someone has begun building a stake. Brokers say Lucas looks vulnerable following the decision of George Simpson, chief executive, to join GEC later this year.

Revived whispers about a bid by Time Warner in the US lifted **Thorn EMI** 15p to £17.80. The speculators say a bid could be worth £23 a share.

**National Power** extended this week's advance with a rise of 10p to 588p as the speculators continued to pile in, pinning their hopes on a bid from Southern Company, America's biggest utilities group. Earlier this week, Southern confirmed it was prepared to overcome any regulatory problems and make an offer for National Power.

National Power, which is still awaiting the go-ahead from the Government to pursue its bid for Southern Electric, says it will not meet Southern until a firm offer is put on the table. **Southern Electric** rose 9p to 861p. The MMC has already carried out its investigation and passed on its findings to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Elsewhere in the electrical sector, **London Electricity**, one of the few remaining indpendent distributors, stood out with a jump of 28p to 813p on bid talk. City speculators say Houston Industries, another US utilities group, may have taken a close look at London.

**BET** fell 2½p to 205½p with more than 37 million shares changing hands after it published its final defence summary. **Rentokil**, 2p lighter at 355p, has increased its offer to 217p a share valuing the entire bid at £2.1 billion. Brokers say a Rentokil victory is near.

**RMC Group** took the edge of another solid performance with a profits warning. It told brokers that profits in the first six months of the year would fall short of the corresponding period. This came as the group unveiled pre-tax profits last year up from £283.3 million to £341.7 million. A programme of cost cutting was underway but the depression in both the German and British construction would take its toll. The shares ended 1p firmer at £10.51.

It looks as if John Coleman faces an uphill struggle when he takes over as chief executive of **House of Fraser**, the Army & Navy and Dickins & Jones stores group. The shares firmed 2p to 174p after the group unveiled pretax profits almost halved at £14.3 million. This follows an earlier profits warning. The only positive note was a 4.5 per cent rise in like-for-like sales during the current year.

The group blamed de-stocking on the poor performance which cost it an estimated £11 million. It now plans to dispose of a number of the 51 stores in its portfolio.

Full year figures from **Laura Ashley**, the wallpaper and soft furnishings retailer, rose 16p to 180p as the City decided to throw its weight behind Ann Iveson, the new chief executive. Full-year figures were in line with brokers' forecasts with pre-tax profits up from £3.8 million to £10.3 million. A 2 per cent drop in sales has been more than offset by cost savings.

**WH Smith** recovered an early fall to close 17p dearer at 491p after confirming plans to sell its business supplies arm to Guilbert, the French stationary office supplier, for £142 million. The money will be used to reduce debt.

**Symonds Engineering** returned from suspension ending the day 10p higher at 71p. The shares were frozen last month pending that the acquisition of a printed circuit board manufacturer for £11.5 million. To help finance the deal, Symonds arranged a placing of shares at 51p.

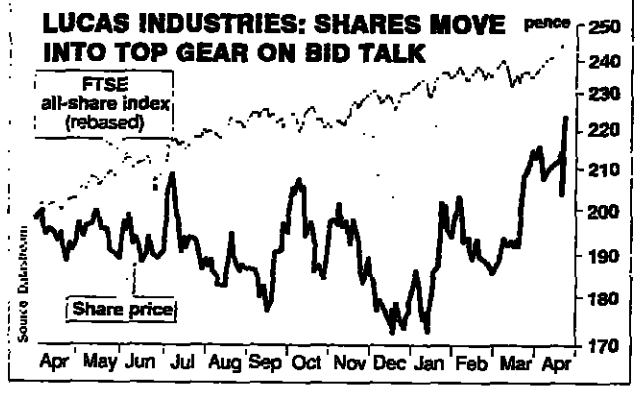
High-flying **Metal Bulletin** has decided to spend some its cash pile with the acquisition of a 49 per cent stake in Sea.net for £1.2 million with an option to buy the rest of the company by the year 2003. Sea.net provides information services to the Internet and provides Metal Bulletin with an introduction to the shipping and shipbroking industry. Metal Bulletin closed 30p lower at 930p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The cut in German interest rates backed-up by a strong bund market provided fresh impetus to London. It also enabled the Bank to issue further tranches of stock including £200 million of Treasury index-linked 2½ per cent 2011 and £200 million of Treasury index-linked 2½ per cent 2024.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed £$\frac{7}{16}$ better at £$105\frac{23}{32}$ as a total of 67,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £$\frac{17}{32}$ better at £$97\frac{15}{32}$, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was seven ticks firmer at £$101\frac{15}{16}$.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Weaker bond prices did not discourage investors on Wall Street, who continued to be buoyed by good news on earnings. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 10.11 points stronger at 5,560.04.

*Rolls-Royce ended 9p better, at 237p, supported by a buy recommendation from SBC Warburg, the broker. On Monday, a party of analystss begin a visit to the group's Allison Engine subsidiary in the US. Brokers say Allison has turned out to a shrewd purchase.*



## MAJOR INDICES

| | |
|---|---|
| **New York (midday):** | |
| Dow Jones | 5560.04 (+10.11) |
| S&P Composite | 644.45 (+2.84) |
| **Tokyo:** | |
| Nikkei Average | 21812.50 (-3.72) |
| **Hong Kong:** | |
| Hang Seng | 10909.29 (-53.40) |
| **Amsterdam:** | |
| EOE Index | 543.56 (-2.12) |
| **Sydney:** | |
| AO | 2256.6 (-10.2) |
| **Frankfurt:** | |
| DAX | 2535.52 (+11.34) |
| **Singapore:** | |
| Straits | 2387.92 (-15.93) |
| **Brussels:** | |
| General | 9035.36 (-18.61) |
| **Paris:** | |
| CAC-40 | 2085.96 (+10.84) |
| **Zurich:** | |
| SKA Gen | 779.30 (Same) |
| **London:** | |
| FT 30 | 2847.1 (+22.7) |
| FT 100 | 3820.7 (+15.1) |
| FT-SE Mid 250 | 4493.6 (+29.5) |
| FT-SE-A 350 | 1927.2 (+8.7) |
| FT-SE Eurotrack 100 | 1649.21 (+0.37) |
| FT A All-Share | 1906.36 (+8.99) |
| FT Non Financials | 2037.94 (+11.91) |
| FT Fixed Interest | 111.88 (+0.05) |
| FT Govt Secs | 92.29 (+0.10) |
| Bargains | 40753 |
| SEAQ Volume | 970.6m |
| USM (Datastrm) | 210.64 (+0.11) |
| US$ | 1.5080 (-0.0005) |
| German Mark | 2.2793 (+0.0055) |
| Exchange Index | 83.6 (Same) |
| Bank of England official close (4pm) | |
| £:ECU | 1.1971 |
| £:SDR | 1.0422 |
| RPI | 151.5 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100 |
| RPIX | 150.9 Mar (2.9%) Jan 1987=100 |

## RECENT ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Advent VCT | 95 | ... |
| British Smaller Co's | 95 | ... |
| Cambridge Wtr NV | 249 | + 4 |
| Cap for Co's VCT (100) | 95 | ... |
| Cardcast (85) | 86 | ... |
| Cliveden (73) | 85 | + 4 |
| Close Brothers VCT | 95 | ... |
| Dicom Group (270) | 320 | ... |
| Easynet Group (100) | 97 | - 8 |
| FI Group (235) | 304 | + 2 |
| Gartmore VCT | 96 | ... |
| Guinness Flight VCT | 95 | ... |
| Hill Sml UK Emg Cos | 96 | ... |
| Hurlingham Props | 80 | ... |
| ILP Group (75) | 90 | + 2 |
| Orange (205) | 233 | - 2½ |
| Pacific Horizon Wrts | 17 | ... |
| Penine AIM VCT | 95 | ... |
| Quester VCT | 95 | ... |
| Raphael Zorn (32) | 35 | ... |
| Rebus | 101 | + 1 |
| Scottish Asian C | 99¼ | - ¼ |
| Silver Shield Group (3) | 3¼ | ... |
| Taverners Trust Uts | 514 | + 1 |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Barratt Dev n/p (200) | 77 | + 7 |
| Bemrose n/p (325) | 60 | + 1 |
| Estates & Gen n/p (60) | 7½ | - ½ |
| Flare n/p (150) | 5 | ... |
| Guinness Peat n/p (30) | 6½ | ... |
| Tepnel Life n/p (40) | 11 | + 1 |

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Micro Focus | 1168p (+303p) |
| Memory Comp | 180p (+20p) |
| Graseby | 134p (+12p) |
| Lucas | 224p (+20p) |
| Laura Ashley | 180p (+16p) |
| Applied Holo | 137p (+12p) |
| Ranger | 500p (-40p) |

FALLS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Unisel | 230p (-16½p) |
| Liberty | 373p (-17p) |
| Metal Bulletin | 915p (-30p) |
| Stagecoach | 409p (-11p) |
| Nat Aust Bank | 577p (-10p) |
| Reed Int | 1166p (-20p) |
| ICI | 916p (-13p) |

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## TEMPUS

# Readymixed Germany

GERMAN construction has been a godsend for companies like Redland and RMC. While their domestic businesses struggle with weak housebuilding volumes and cutbacks in government infrastructure programmes, their continental investments made a mint putting roofs over German heads.

The Teutonic housing boom is coming to an end after peaking in 1994. At the same time, an extended winter on the Continent has seriously handicapped the building industry and materials suppliers will struggle to shift all the anticipated volume in the remains of this year.

RMC yesterday played down the volume slippage in readymix in Germany, reckoning that it is only 5 per cent with not a sign of a margin squeeze. Others are less sanguine, predicting a 10 per cent decline, but RMC reckons Germany will still build more than 500,000 houses this year.

Its readymix business is less exposed to a housing slowdown than products like roof tiles and bricks. RMC's optimism also ignores the risk that Germany's industrial construction could slow as its manufacturers shift production to lower-cost countries.

However, there is no debate about RMC's rising tax charge. Weak volumes will lower profits this year and earnings will dip slightly but even when recovery kicks in, higher rates of tax will depress the gains for shareholders.

Yet RMC is a class act among a mixed fraternity; good cash flow and earnings cover of three times should enable the company to keep the dividend rising while its robust balance sheet gives scope for aggregates deals in the UK. This is no time to quit RMC.

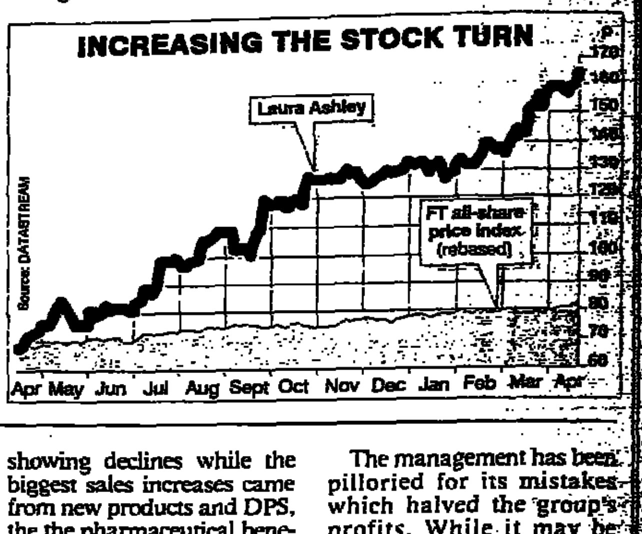
## Laura Ashley

AFTER a lot of talk but little action, the bosses at Laura Ashley are finally getting down to the task. The impact of the arrival of Ann Iverson is already apparent in the results with a return to profit and the first dividend payment for six years. Ms Iverson knows there is a lot more to be done — not least in reaching her target of double-digit margins within three years.

Cost-cutting and an attack on slow-moving stock means that margins are now moving in the right direction. The next step is to drive sales forward. A 3 per cent like-for-like advance in the first ten weeks of the year is not encouraging and reflects continuing sales declines in the US and continental Europe.

Having rationalised the product range, management is trimming the shop portfolio with the aim of increasing store size. Management have identified that a fifth of UK stores are too small. Meanwhile, expansion in home furnishings should help profits as margins there are better.

Curiously, the new broom has not swept out manufacturing. Instead, the retailer is reducing costs and will only source fabrics and garments internally when the price is right. If the new boss shows as much talent in selecting product as cutting costs, Laura Ashley will shine again. That question will only be answered when the autumn collection hits the streets but on balance, some optimism is in order.



## SmithKline

SMITHKLINE Beecham's poor cash flow remains a puzzle. Drug companies typically throw off masses of money, blessed as they are with high margins and modest capital costs. However, SmithKline never seems to generate much cash from its huge sales: last year the company threw off only £150 million in free cash flow after tax interest and dividends while in the first quarter of this year the company suffered a net cash outflow of £100 million.

SmithKline ought to be doing better but the market's predicatable response to yesterday's figures was pleasure at better than expected drug sales. These were up 6 per cent, twice what many analysts were expecting. Yet the breakdown of the sales also raises questions. SmithKline's big name drugs performed poorly on the whole with sales of Augmentin, Tagamet and the vaccines all showing declines while the biggest sales increases came from new products and DPS, the the pharmaceutical benefit manager which increased its client coverage by more than 75 per cent.

SmithKline's large exposure to lower margin OTC and healthcare products may in part explain its poor cash generation but the company may also be investing more in research and manufacturing. After yesterday's share price increase, Smithkline is on a generous rating of 18 times earnings. Without more details on how the cash is being spent, investors should sit tight.

## House of Fraser

House of Fraser spent most of last year getting rid of slow moving stock — some £21 million of garments that could not be sold at a sensible price — and the company is still carrying £4 million of last year's fashions on the books, despite discounting.

The management has been pilloried for its mistakes which halved the group's profits. While it may be pointless to dwell on them, the company still fails to demonstrate how it will invigorate a department store chain known best for its out of season sales.

HoF is taking action, closing down stores with weak sales densities and a new chief executive arrives on the board at the end of the month. Nevertheless there is little evidence at present of a strategy that will convince shoppers that the outlets are more than a place to rummage for bargains.

HoF's share price suggests that the strategy is in place and likely to succeed. That seems premature given that decisions made today will take a long time to hit the shelves. A more probable explanation is bid speculation. There are plenty of cash rich retailers about.

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## COMMODITIES

### LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 995-994 | Jul | 1040-1037 |
| Jul | 1018-1017 | Sep | unq |
| Sep | 1041-1040 | Dec | |
| Dec | 1008-1005 | Mar | |
| Mar | 1012-1011 | | |
| May | 1022-1021 | Volume: | 3564 |

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 1890-1888 | Jan | 1827-1825 |
| Jul | 1867-1866 | Mar | 1800-1795 |
| Sep | 1853-1850 | May | 1790-1770 |
| Nov | 1847-1845 | Volume: | 3456 |

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reuters | | Mar | 322.4-20.5 |
| Spot: 394.5 | | May | 322.4-20.5 |
| Aug | 366.5-66.0 | Aug | 326.4-25.0 |
| Oct | 335.7-34.0 | Oct | 316.4-15.0 |
| Dec | 328.6-24.0 | Volume: | 2184 |

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 17

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 111.59 | 171.54 | 106.22 |
| (+/-) | +0.45 | -20.04 | +7.93 |
| Eng/Wales: | 111.59 | 179.54 | 106.44 |
| (+/-) | +0.45 | -19.48 | +8.31 |
| (%) | -2.0 | -17.0 | -22.0 |
| Scotland: | unq | 145.54 | 104.82 |
| (+/-) | | -34.32 | +5.52 |
| (%) | | -58.0 | -21.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 19.05 | -0.90 |
| Brent 15 day (Jun) | 18.15 | -0.65 |
| Brent 15 day (Jul) | 17.45 | -0.40 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Jun) | 20.45 | -0.45 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Jul) | 19.30 | -0.30 |

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Gas .15 | B: 219 (-3) | O: 221 (-3) |
| Gasoil EEC | 189 (-3) | 191 (-3) |
| Non EEC IH My | 176 (-2) | 179 (-2) |
| Non EEC IH Jn | 165 (-2) | 167 (-2) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 108 (n/c) | 110 (n/c) |
| Naphtha | 196 (-1) | 198 (-1) |

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 170.00-70.25 | Aug | 156.50-57.00 |
| Jun | 162.00-62.25 | Sep | 157.25 SLR |
| Jul | 158.00-58.50 | | Vol. 14195 |

BRENT (6.00pm)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jun | 18.28-18.30 | Sep | 16.83 BID |
| Jul | 17.50 BID | Oct | n/a |
| Aug | 17.08-17.10 | | Vol. 30537 |

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT (close £/t) | | BARLEY (close £/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 129.90 | May | 115.00 |
| Jul | 132.10 | Sep | 110.75 |
| Sep | 116.15 | Nov | 112.00 |
| Nov | 118.00 | Jan | 113.40 |
| Jan | 119.80 | Mar | 115.25 |
| Volume: 1709 | | Volume: 107 | |

POTATO (£/t)

| | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Apr | 129.9 | 128.8 |
| May | unq | 157.5 |
| Jun | | |
| | | Volume: |

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 99.50-100.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr 96 | 1465 | 1459 | 1460 |
| May 96 | 1395 | 1385 | 1385 |
| Jun 96 | 1326 | 1320 | 1326 |
| Jul 96 | 1290 | 1285 | 1290 |

Vol: 305 lots Open interest: 4696

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### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| (Official) (Volume prev day) | Cash | 3mth | Rudolf Wolff Vol |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | 2619.0-2620.0 | 2586.0-2587.0 | 1705850 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 819.00-821.00 | 808.00-809.00 | 216975 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1030.0-1030.5 | 1055.0-1055.5 | 594900 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 6555.0-6560.0 | 6560.0-6565.0 | 26080 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1574.0-1575.0 | 1607.0-1607.5 | 1067375 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 8080.0-8085.0 | 8180.0-8185.0 | 43446 |

## LIFFE OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Puts Jul | Puts Oct | Puts Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allid Dom | 500 | 19½ | 31 | 37½ | 21 | 28 | 35 |
| (*504) | 550 | 6 | 14½ | 19 | 59½ | 62½ | 67½ |
| Argyll | 300 | 33½ | 37½ | 41½ | 5½ | 9 | 12½ |
| (*329) | 330 | 13½ | 19½ | 25 | 19½ | 22½ | 26 |
| ASDA | 110 | 7 | 9½ | 11½ | 4½ | 7½ | 8½ |
| (*111) | 120 | 3 | 5½ | 7½ | 10½ | 13 | 14 |
| Boots | 600 | 44½ | 53 | 60½ | 10½ | 16½ | 22 |
| (*634) | 650 | 15½ | 27 | 35½ | 35½ | 41½ | 46½ |
| Br Airways | 500 | 45 | 52 | 59 | 8½ | 14 | 18 |
| (*536½) | 550 | 15 | 24½ | 32½ | 31½ | 37 | 41½ |
| BP | 550 | 40½ | 50 | 57½ | 9½ | 14½ | 18 |
| (*581) | 600 | 15 | 25½ | 31½ | 31½ | 37½ | 41½ |
| Br Steel | 180 | 19½ | 21 | 23 | 5 | 7½ | 10½ |
| (*196½) | 200 | 7½ | 10½ | 13 | 15½ | 18 | 21 |
| C & W | 500 | 49½ | 61 | 70 | 12½ | 17½ | 23 |
| (*540) | 550 | 21 | 33½ | 42½ | 32½ | 40½ | 45½ |
| CU | 550 | 41½ | 48½ | 56 | 11½ | 20½ | 22½ |
| (*573) | 600 | 15½ | 23 | 31½ | 35 | 47 | 48½ |
| ICI | 900 | 49 | 63½ | 81½ | 22 | 37 | 44 |
| (*915) | 950 | 25 | 39 | 57 | 47½ | 63½ | 70 |
| Kingfshr | 550 | 45½ | 58½ | 73 | 10½ | 17½ | 22½ |
| (*579½) | 600 | 17 | 31 | 46 | 33 | 40½ | 45½ |
| Land Sec | 650 | 27 | 33½ | 39½ | 18½ | 22½ | 26½ |
| (*666½) | 700 | 5 | 12½ | 18½ | 53 | 55½ | 57½ |
| M & S | 420 | 34 | 40½ | 46½ | 4½ | 9½ | 12½ |
| (*449½) | 460 | 9 | 17½ | 25 | 23 | 27½ | 30½ |
| Nat West | 600 | 50½ | 60½ | 69½ | 11 | 22 | 24 |
| (*631) | 650 | 22½ | 35 | 43½ | 33 | 46 | 48 |
| Sainsbury | 360 | 14 | 21½ | 26 | 14 | 17½ | 21 |
| (*364½) | 390 | 3½ | 10 | 14 | 35½ | 37½ | 40 |
| Shell | 850 | 45 | 57 | 66 | 13 | 21 | 24½ |
| (*872½) | 900 | 18 | 29 | 39 | 35 | 45 | 48½ |
| Smkl Bch | 638 | 52½ | 67 | — | 10½ | 18½ | — |
| (*679) | 687 | 25 | 40 | — | 31½ | 40 | — |
| Storehse | 330 | 34 | 41 | — | 5½ | 9½ | — |
| (*357) | 360 | 14½ | 23 | — | 17½ | 22 | — |
| Trafalgar | 50 | 1 | 1½ | — | 0½ | 0½ | — |
| (*50½) | 60 | 0 | 0 | — | 9½ | 9½ | — |
| Unilever | 1200 | 46½ | 71 | 81½ | 22½ | 30½ | 35 |
| (*1206½) | 1250 | 22 | 45 | 55½ | 50 | 57 | 60 |
| Zeneca | 1300 | 94 | 120½ | 148 | 29 | 47½ | 58 |
| (*1344½) | 1350 | 63 | 93 | 121 | 49 | 70 | 80 |

| | Series | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grnd Met | 420 | 31½ | 42½ | 50½ | 1 | 10½ | 14½ |
| (*451½) | 460 | 8 | 19½ | 29½ | 16½ | 29 | 32½ |
| Ladbroke | 180 | 30 | 29 | 31½ | 3 | 8½ | 11 |
| (*195½) | 200 | 8½ | 18½ | 21½ | 10½ | 17½ | 20½ |
| Utd Bisc | 220 | 21 | 29 | 32½ | 1 | 4½ | 8½ |
| (*238½) | 240 | 8 | 17 | 21 | 7 | 12 | 16½ |

April 18, 1996 Tot: 69714 Call: 41676 Put: 28038 FT-SE Call: 8917 Put: 4485

*Underlying security price.

| | Series | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Puts Jul | Puts Oct | Puts Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 550 | 21 | 30½ | 37½ | 19½ | 25 | 29 |
| (*551) | 600 | 4½ | 11½ | 18 | 55 | 58 | 60½ |
| Thames W. | 550 | 38 | 44½ | 49 | 13½ | 18½ | 24½ |
| (*579) | 600 | 11½ | 19½ | 25½ | 43 | 46½ | 52 |

| | Series | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAT Ind | 500 | 15½ | 39 | 40½ | 10½ | 26½ | 31 |
| (*503½) | 550 | 1½ | 14 | 20½ | 47 | 58½ | 62 |
| BTR | 300 | 19½ | 26½ | 30½ | 1 | 4½ | 9 |
| (*317) | 330 | 2½ | 9½ | 14½ | 14 | 18 | 23½ |
| Br Aero | 850 | 41½ | 70 | 84 | 7½ | 24½ | 36 |
| (*880) | 900 | 14 | 42½ | 57 | 31 | 47½ | 59 |
| Br Telcm | 360 | 22 | 31½ | 35 | 3½ | 14 | 17½ |
| (*379) | 390 | 5½ | 15 | 19½ | 16½ | 30 | 33½ |
| Cadbury | 500 | 20½ | 36½ | 45½ | 7 | 17 | 23½ |
| (*510½) | 550 | 2½ | 15½ | 23 | 40 | 45½ | 51 |
| Guinness | 460 | 17½ | 32½ | 39 | 4 | 14 | 19 |
| (*470) | 500 | 3 | 14 | 20 | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| GEC | 360 | 9½ | 18 | 23½ | 7½ | 16½ | 22½ |
| (*361) | 390 | 1 | 6½ | 12 | 29½ | 39 | 42 |
| Hanson | 180 | 17 | 19½ | 22 | 0½ | 3 | 6 |
| (*196) | 200 | 3 | 8 | 11½ | 6½ | 12 | 16 |
| LASMO | 180 | 17½ | 25 | 29½ | 3 | 5½ | 8½ |
| (*193½) | 200 | 6½ | 14 | 19 | 10 | 14 | 17½ |
| Lucas | 200 | 25 | 30½ | 34½ | 2 | 5½ | 10 |
| (*223½) | 220 | 11½ | 20 | 23 | 9 | 13 | 19 |
| Pilkingtn | 210 | 10½ | 17 | — | 2½ | 9 | — |
| (*217) | 220 | 2 | 8 | — | 15 | 20 | — |
| Prudential | 420 | 40½ | 52½ | 59½ | 1 | 6 | 12½ |
| (*450) | 460 | 11 | 27 | 35½ | 11½ | 20 | 26½ |
| Redland | 390 | 29 | 34 | 41 | 4½ | 13½ | 19 |
| (*416½) | 420 | 8 | 18½ | 26 | 20 | 29 | 34 |
| R-Royce | 230 | 16½ | 23½ | 28 | 2 | 8 | 10½ |
| (*236) | 240 | 4 | 12½ | 18 | 11 | 17½ | 20 |
| Tesco | 280 | 9½ | 18 | 23 | 6 | 12½ | 17½ |
| (*286) | 300 | 2 | 9½ | 14½ | 20½ | 24½ | 29 |
| Vodafone | 260 | 10 | 20 | 27 | 7 | 16 | 20 |
| (*262½) | 280 | 2½ | 11½ | 18 | 19½ | 27½ | 31 |
| Williams | 330 | 17 | 19½ | 23 | 4½ | 10 | 15½ |
| (*345½) | 360 | 1 | 6 | 9½ | 25 | 28 | 32½ |

FT-SE INDEX (*3816½)

| | 3700 | 3750 | 3800 | 3850 | 3900 | 3950 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Calls** | | | | | | |
| Apr | 116½ | 66½ | 19½ | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| May | 136 | 96 | 62½ | 36 | 18 | 8½ |
| Jun | 156½ | 119½ | 89 | 63 | 41 | 26 |
| Jul | 178 | 144½ | 114 | 88½ | 66 | 49 |
| Dec | 258½ | — | 198 | — | 150½ | — |
| **Puts** | | | | | | |
| Apr | 1 | 1 | 3½ | 39 | 89 | 139 |
| May | 13½ | 23½ | 40½ | 64½ | 94 | 134½ |
| Jun | 32½ | 46 | 64½ | 88½ | 117 | 153½ |
| Jul | 49½ | 66 | 85 | 109½ | 137 | 170½ |
| Dec | 105½ | — | 143½ | — | 194 | — |

| | Series | Calls Jun | Calls Sep | Calls Dec | Puts Jun | Puts Sep | Puts Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abby Nat | 550 | 37½ | 48 | 59½ | 8½ | 19½ | 25 |
| (*573) | 600 | 12½ | 23½ | 35 | 33½ | 46 | 50½ |
| Amstrad | 180 | 18 | 25 | 30 | 5 | 8½ | 11 |
| (*191) | 200 | 7½ | 15½ | 20 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
| Barclays | 700 | 57 | 69½ | 80½ | 6½ | 17½ | 21½ |
| (*741½) | 750 | 24 | 38½ | 51½ | 25 | 37½ | 43 |
| Blue Circ | 360 | 18 | 25½ | 34½ | 12 | 18½ | 22½ |
| (*365) | 390 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 29½ | 35 | 39 |
| Br Gas | 240 | 6½ | 11½ | 15½ | 13 | 15½ | 22 |
| (*240½) | 260 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 30 | 34½ |
| Dixons | 460 | 47 | 55½ | 65½ | 4½ | 13½ | 16½ |
| (*498) | 500 | 20½ | 31½ | 42½ | 19 | 30 | 33 |
| Forte | 343 | 32½ | 37 | — | 0 | 1 | — |
| (*374½) | 373 | 9½ | 15 | — | 4½ | 8 | — |
| Tarmac | 130 | 10½ | 16 | 20 | 4½ | 7 | 10 |
| (*125½) | 130 | 5½ | 11 | 13½ | 9½ | 12 | 15 |
| Hillsdwn | 180 | 6½ | 9 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 14 |
| (*183) | 200 | 1 | 3½ | 5½ | 25½ | 27 | 28 |
| Lonrho | 180 | 22 | 25 | 29½ | 1½ | 4½ | 6 |
| (*198½) | 200 | 9 | 13 | 17½ | 8 | 11½ | 14 |
| Sears | 90 | 8 | 10 | 11½ | 1½ | 3½ | 5 |
| (*97) | 100 | 2 | 5½ | 7 | 7 | 9 | 10½ |
| Thorn | 1700 | 123 | 152½ | 177 | 27½ | 55½ | 67 |
| (*1780) | 1800 | 65 | 98½ | 123½ | 67½ | 100 | 112½ |
| Tomkins | 260 | 15 | 19½ | 24 | 5½ | 12 | 14 |
| (*267) | 280 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 16 | 23 | 25½ |
| Lloyds TSB | 322 | 18 | — | — | 9 | — | — |
| (*327½) | 352 | 6 | — | — | 27 | — | — |

| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Glaxo W | 750 | 69 | 84 | 91 | 10 | 24½ | 29 |
| (*797½) | 800 | 38 | 54 | 63 | 28½ | 46½ | 51 |
| HSBC | 950 | 81 | 99½ | 116½ | 25 | 41 | 49½ |
| (*993½) | 1000 | 52 | 72½ | 90 | 45½ | 64 | 68 |
| Reuter | 750 | 58 | 70½ | 88 | 18 | 30 | 36½ |
| (*770) | 800 | 30½ | 44 | 61 | 46 | 54 | 60 |

| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Royal Ins | 330 | 37½ | 44½ | 50 | 6 | 13 | 15½ |
| (*356½) | 360 | 19½ | 27 | 33½ | 18 | 26 | 28½ |

| | Series | Jun | | | Jun | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fisons | 260 | 5 | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*265) | 280 | 0½ | — | — | 18½ | — | — |

| | Series | May | | | May | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastrn Gp | 950 | 29½ | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*978) | 1000 | 0½ | — | — | 25 | — | — |

| | Series | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Natl Pwr | 550 | 55½ | 60 | 66 | 17½ | 25 | 27½ |
| (*587) | 600 | 29 | 35 | 39½ | 42½ | 49 | 52 |
| Scot Pwr | 360 | 25 | 32 | 35 | 5 | 12 | 14 |
| (*375½) | 390 | 9½ | 17 | 20 | 18 | 29 | 30 |

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FT-SE 100**<br>Previous open interest: 63411 | Jun 96 | 3803.0 | 3844.0 | 3803.0 | 3826.0 | 17238 |
| | Sep 96 | | | | 3836.0 | 0 |
| **FT-SE 250**<br>Previous open interest: 3591 | Jun 96 | | | | 4500.0 | 0 |
| | Sep 96 | | | | | 0 |
| **Three Month Sterling**<br>Previous open interest: 344038 | Jun 96 | 93.94 | 93.98 | 93.92 | 93.96 | 15393 |
| | Sep 96 | 93.72 | 93.81 | 93.70 | 93.77 | 24659 |
| | Dec 96 | 93.30 | 93.41 | 93.29 | 93.36 | 29610 |
| **Three Month Euro Yen**<br>Previous open interest: 0 | Jun 96 | 99.19 | 99.19 | 99.18 | 99.18 | 556 |
| | Sep 96 | 98.91 | 98.92 | 98.90 | 98.90 | 1005 |
| **Three Mth Euro DM**<br>Previous open interest: 1074723 | Jun 96 | 96.77 | 96.89 | 96.76 | 96.84 | 120378 |
| | Sep 96 | 96.65 | 96.83 | 96.63 | 96.80 | 108114 |
| **Long Gilt**<br>Previous open interest: 123126 | Jun 96 | 105-10 | 106-05 | 105-06 | 105-23 | 70776 |
| | Sep 96 | | | | 104-23 | 0 |
| **Japanese Govmt Bond** | Jun 96 | 118.17 | 118.48 | 118.17 | 118.43 | 3441 |
| | Sep 96 | 117.35 | 117.40 | 117.33 | 117.37 | 47 |
| **German Gov Bd Bund**<br>Previous open interest: 208275 | Jun 96 | 96.27 | 96.79 | 95.99 | 96.34 | 233516 |
| | Sep 96 | 95.42 | 95.70 | 95.42 | 95.49 | 510 |
| **Three month ECU**<br>Previous open interest: 20802 | Jun 96 | 95.58 | 95.68 | 95.58 | 95.67 | 2180 |
| | Sep 96 | 95.54 | 95.65 | 95.54 | 95.65 | 1077 |
| **Euro Swiss Franc**<br>Previous open interest: 54817 | Jun 96 | 98.18 | 98.33 | 98.17 | 98.23 | 12633 |
| | Sep 96 | 98.06 | 98.25 | 98.05 | 98.13 | 8997 |
| **Italian Govmt Bond**<br>Previous open interest: 49660 | Jun 96 | 110.05 | 111.45 | 110.00 | 111.06 | 63944 |
| | Sep 96 | 110.40 | 110.40 | 110.40 | 110.45 | 100 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½

*Discount Market Loans*: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5 13/16. Sell: 2 mth 5 13/16; 3 mth 5¾.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 5 7/8-5 13/16 | 5 7/8-5 13/16 | 5 7/8-5 13/16 | 5¾-5 11/16 | |
| Sterling Money Rates: | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 6-5 15/16 | 6⅛-5 15/16 | 6¼-6 | 6 11/16-6 7/16 |
| Interbank: | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 6-5 15/16 | 6⅛-5 15/16 | 6¼-6 | 6 11/16-6 7/16 |

Overnight: open 6, close 5½.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local Authority Deps: | 5 15/16 | n/a | 5 15/16 | 5 15/16 | 6¼ |
| Sterling CDs: | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 6⅛-5 15/16 | 6⅝-6⅛ |
| Dollar CDs: | 5.32 | n/a | 5.37 | 5.41 | 5.67 |
| Building Society CDs: | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 6-5 15/16 | 6-5 15/16 | 6⅛-6 | 6⅝-6⅜ |

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 5¼-4⅞ | 5⅜-5¼ | 5½-5⅜ | 5⅝-5½ | 5-4 |
| Deutschemark: | 3⅜-3¼ | 3⅜-3¼ | 3⅜-3¼ | 3½-3⅜ | 3½-2½ |
| French Franc: | 3 15/16-3 11/16 | 4-3 13/16 | 4⅛-3 15/16 | 4¼-4 | 4¼-3¼ |
| Swiss Franc: | 1⅝-1½ | 1⅝-1 7/16 | 1⅝-1½ | 1¾-1⅝ | 2-1 |
| Yen: | ½-⅜ | ½-⅜ | ½-⅜ | ⅝-½ | n/a |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.80-391.10 Close: $391.20-391.70 High: $391.60-392.10 Low: $389.90-390.40 AM: $391.30 PM: $390.50

Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£258.75-260.75)

Platinum: $400.00 (£264.55) Silver: $5.29 (£3.505) Palladium: $135.25 (£89.45)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mid Rates for April 18 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 2.5395-2.5500 | 2.5476-2.5500 | ⅝-½pr | 1⅝-1½pr |
| Brussels | 46.040-46.870 | 46.785-46.831 | 12-9pr | 34-29pr |
| Copenhagen | 8.7123-8.8052 | 8.7933-8.8037 | 1⅝-1¼pr | 4⅝-4¼pr |
| Dublin | 0.9647-0.9679 | 0.9653-0.9670 | 9-6pr | 24-19pr |
| Frankfurt | 2.2703-2.2809 | 2.2780-2.2809 | ⅝-½pr | 1⅝-1½pr |
| Lisbon | 232.98-234.22 | 233.76-234.10 | ⅛-¾ds | ½-1¼ds |
| Madrid | 189.46-190.07 | 189.76-190.04 | 26-35ds | 70-86ds |
| Milan | 2369.8-2383.0 | 2369.9-2371.9 | 70-85ds | 20-23ds |
| Montreal | 2.0496-2.0533 | 2.0501-2.0522 | 0.20-0.12pr | 0.40-0.29pr |
| New York | 1.5070-1.5123 | 1.5070-1.5080 | 0.08-0.06pr | 0.21-0.18pr |
| Oslo | 9.8063-9.8362 | 9.8220-9.8353 | 1⅛-¾pr | 3⅛-2⅝pr |
| Paris | 7.7160-7.7361 | 7.7271-7.7360 | 1⅞-1⅝pr | 3⅞-3½pr |
| Stockholm | 10.149-10.211 | 10.149-10.170 | ⅛-¾ds | ⅛-¾ds |
| Tokyo | 161.91-163.26 | 161.91-162.11 | 1⅛-⅞pr | 2⅞-2⅝pr |
| Vienna | 15.979-16.045 | 16.019-16.040 | 1⅛-¾pr | 1⅞-1⅝pr |
| Zurich | 1.8492-1.8541 | 1.8513-1.8541 | ⅞-¾pr | 1⅞-1⅝pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.2738-1.2746 |
| Austria | 10.61-10.62 |
| Belgium (Com) | 31.02-31.03 |
| Canada | 1.3604-1.3609 |
| Denmark | 5.8285-5.8315 |
| France | 5.1235-5.1250 |
| Germany | 1.5103-1.5106 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7340-7.7350 |
| Ireland | 1.5614-1.5629 |
| Italy | 1573.15-1574.75 |
| Japan | 107.55-107.60 |
| Malaysia | 2.4982-2.4992 |
| Netherlands | 1.6886-1.6891 |
| Norway | 6.5108-6.5183 |
| Portugal | 154.97-155.07 |
| Singapore | 1.4078-1.4088 |
| Spain | 125.84-125.94 |
| Sweden | 6.7352-6.7452 |
| Switzerland | 1.2283-1.2288 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.5075-1.5110 |
| Australia dollar | 1.9205-1.9230 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5635-0.5755 |
| Brazil real* | 1.4743-1.4784 |
| China yuan | 12.00 Buy |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7000-0.7100 |
| Finland markka | 7.0825-7.1985 |
| Greece drachma | 361.75-368.75 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 11.6598-11.6690 |
| India rupee | 51.30-52.26 |
| Indonesia rupiah | n/a |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4485-0.4585 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 3.7663-3.7703 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.1996-2.2027 |
| Pakistan rupee | 52.14 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.4400-5.5000 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.1224-2.1253 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 6.3480-6.4500 |
| U A E dirham | 5.4900-5.6140 |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

## FT-SE VOLUMES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3i | 480 | Land Secs | 3,800 |
| ASDA Gp | 5,800 | Legal & Gn | 1,400 |
| Abbey Ntl | 4,700 | Lloyds TSB | 8,500 |
| Allied Dom | 1,400 | Marks Spr | 15,000 |
| Argos | 1,000 | NatWst Bk | 4,300 |
| Argyll Gp | 4,600 | Nat Grid | 7,800 |
| AB Foods | 303 | Nat Power | 10,000 |
| BAA | 2,100 | P & O | 2,400 |
| BAT Inds | 6,800 | Pearson | 2,800 |
| BOC | 546 | Pilkington | 2,500 |
| BP | 4,700 | PowerGen | 1,400 |
| BSkyB | 1,200 | Prudential | 7,300 |
| BTR | 6,400 | REXAM | 1,500 |
| BT | 9,400 | RMC | 2,900 |
| Bk of Scot | 1,300 | RTZ | 3,400 |
| Barclays | 6,200 | Rank Org | 946 |
| Bass | 1,400 | Reckitt Col | 2,000 |
| Blue Circle | 678 | Redland | 1,400 |
| Boots | 680 | Reed Intl | 1,400 |
| BAe | 432 | Rentokil | 6,500 |
| BA | 3,900 | Reuters | 6,600 |
| Brit Gas | 7,900 | Rolls Royce | 13,000 |
| Brit Steel | 4,000 | Royal Ins | 5,100 |
| Burmah Cstl | 410 | Ryl Bk Scot | 1,000 |
| Burton | 7,500 | Sainsbury | 9,300 |
| Cable Wire | 9,400 | Schroders | 37 |
| Cadbury | 2,600 | Scot & New | 335 |
| Carlton Cms | 1,900 | Scot Power | 595 |
| Cm Union | 3,300 | Svrn Trent | 408 |
| Cookson | 2,300 | Shell Trans | 7,100 |
| Courtaulds | 1,000 | Siebe | 777 |
| Dixons | 3,300 | SmKl Bch | 8,100 |
| Enterpr Oil | 8,300 | Smith Nph | 2,000 |
| For & Col IT | 1,700 | Smiths Inds | 274 |
| GKN | 912 | Sthern Elec | 3,900 |
| GRE | 2,000 | Std Chartd | 3,600 |
| GUS | 1,200 | Sun Allnce | 3,100 |
| Gen Acc | 1,600 | TI Gp | 313 |
| Gen Elec | 4,700 | Tate & Lyle | 1,500 |
| Glaxo Well | 7,900 | Tesco | 10,000 |
| Granada | 2,600 | Thames W | 971 |
| Grand Met | 6,800 | Thrn EMI | 598 |
| Greenalls | 830 | Tomkins | 1,200 |
| Guinness | 4,600 | Unilever | 2,600 |
| HSBC | 3,700 | United Utils | 1,600 |
| Hanson | 38,000 | Vodafone | 4,900 |
| ICI | 1,000 | Whitbread | 1,500 |
| Kingfisher | 3,900 | Wlms Hld | 1,300 |
| LASMO | 1,800 | Wolseley | 671 |
| Ladbroke | 7,700 | Zeneca | 1,400 |

## WALL STREET

| | Apr 18 midday | Apr 17 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| AMR Corp | 93¼ | 92¾ |
| ASA | 44¼ | 45¼ |
| AT & T | 61½ | 61¼ |
| Abbott Labs | 40¾ | 40¾ |
| Advanced Micro | 16½ | 16½ |
| Aetna Life | 70¼ | 70¼ |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 22¾ | 22¾ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 57¾ | 57¾ |
| AirTouch Comm | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Alberto-Culver B | 39¼ | 38 |
| Albenson's | 37¾ | 37½ |
| Alcan Alumnm | 33½ | 33¾ |
| Alco Standard | 54¼ | 54 |
| Allied Signal | 56¼ | 56½ |
| Alum Co of Am | 64¼ | 63¾ |
| Amax Gold Inc | 6¾ | 6½ |
| Amerada Hess | 57¾ | 57¾ |
| Amer Brands | 42¾ | 42½ |
| Amer El Power | 40¾ | 40¾ |
| Amer Express | 47¾ | 47¾ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 34¾ | 34¾ |
| Amer Home Pr | 107¾ | 107¾ |
| Amer Intl | 91¼ | 91½ |
| Amer Stores | 33½ | 33½ |
| Amer Standard | 27¾ | 27½ |
| Ameritech | 57½ | 57¾ |
| Amoco | 72¾ | 72¾ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 64¾ | 64¼ |
| Apple Computer | 25½ | 25½ |
| Archer Daniels | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| Armco | 5¾ | 5¾ |
| Armstrng Wrld | 55¾ | 55½ |
| Asarco | 34¼ | 34½ |
| Ashland Oil | 40¼ | 40¾ |
| Atl Richfield | 118½ | 117½ |
| Auto Data Prn | 38¾ | 38¾ |
| Avery Dennison | 55¾ | 55½ |
| Avon Products | 87¼ | 87¼ |
| Baker Hughes | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| Banc One | 34 | 34 |
| BankAmerica | 75½ | 74½ |
| Bank of NY | 46½ | 46½ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 68¼ | 68¾ |
| Barnett Banks | 61½ | 61½ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Baxter Intl | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Becton Dicknsn | 79½ | 79 |
| Bell Atlantic | 61½ | 61¼ |
| Bell Industries | 21½ | 21¼ |
| BellSouth | 38 | 37½ |
| Black & Decker | 36½ | 36¾ |
| Block (H&R) | 37½ | 37½ |
| Boeing | 79¾ | 79¾ |
| Boise Cascade | 45¾ | 45½ |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 81½ | 81½ |
| Browning Ferris | 30¼ | 30½ |
| Brunswick | 23¼ | 22¾ |
| Burlington Nthn | 82¼ | 82¼ |
| CMS Energy Corp | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| CNA Financial | 96 | 96½ |
| CPC Intl | 66½ | 66¾ |
| CSX | 48¼ | 47 |
| Campbell Soup | 59 | 59¾ |
| Cdn Pacific | 20 | 19½ |
| Carolina Pwr | 35½ | 35½ |
| Caterpillar | 67¾ | 67½ |
| Central & SW | 28 | 28 |
| Champion Intl | 49¾ | 49¾ |
| Chase Manhat | 68¼ | 68½ |
| Chevron Corp | 56 | 56 |
| Chrysler | 63½ | 63½ |
| Chubb Corp | 91¼ | 91½ |
| Cigna Corp | 103¼ | 103¼ |
| Citicorp | 76½ | 76½ |
| Clorox | 80¼ | 80¾ |
| Coastal Corp | 38¾ | 38¼ |
| Coca Cola | 80¾ | 80 |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 75¼ | 75¼ |
| Columbia Gas | 48¾ | 48¾ |
| ColumbiaHCA | 53 | 52½ |
| Compaq Comp | 40¾ | 40½ |
| Comp Ass Intl | 69¾ | 69¾ |
| Conagra | 38¾ | 39¼ |
| Conrail | 69¾ | 69¾ |
| Cons Edison | 29½ | 29½ |
| Cons Nat Gas | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Cooper Inds | 39¾ | 39½ |
| Corestates | 39½ | 39½ |
| Corning Inc | 33¼ | 34 |
| Crown Cork | 44¾ | 45 |
| Dana Corp | 32¼ | 32¾ |
| Dayton Hudson | 93½ | 93¾ |
| Deere | 40¾ | 41¼ |
| Delta Air Lines | 81½ | 81½ |
| Deluxe Corp | 30¼ | 30½ |
| Digital Equip | 52½ | 51½ |
| Dillard Dept St | 35½ | 36¼ |
| Disney (Walt) | 62¾ | 62¾ |
| Dominion Res | 37¼ | 38 |
| Donnelley (RR) | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Dover Corp | 48¼ | 47¾ |
| Dow Chemical | 89¾ | 89 |
| Dow Jones | 36½ | 36¾ |
| Dresser | 30¾ | 30½ |
| Duke Power | 48¼ | 48¾ |
| Dun & Brdstreet | 59¼ | 59¼ |
| Du Pont | 83¾ | 83¾ |
| Eastman Chem | 65¾ | 66 |

| | Apr 18 midday | Apr 17 close |
|---|---|---|
| Eastman Kodak | 73½ | 72½ |
| Eaton Corp | 60¼ | 60¾ |
| Edison Int | 15½ | 15½ |
| Emerson Elec | 78¼ | 78¾ |
| Engelhard Corp | 23½ | 23½ |
| Enron Corp | 38¼ | 38 |
| Entergy | 25½ | 25¾ |
| Ethyl Corp | 10½ | 10¾ |
| Exxon | 82½ | 82¾ |
| FMC Corp | 68½ | 68¼ |
| FPL Group | 42¼ | 42½ |
| Federal Express | 75¼ | 74½ |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 31½ | 30½ |
| First Bk Sys | 59¾ | 59½ |
| First Union Rlty | 7½ | 7¼ |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 41½ | 41½ |
| Fluor Corp | 65½ | 65½ |
| Ford Motor | 36½ | 36½ |
| GTE Corp | 42½ | 42½ |
| Gannett | 65¼ | 66¼ |
| Gap Inc Del | 28½ | 28½ |
| Gen Dynamics | 62 | 59½ |
| Gen Electric | 77¾ | 77¼ |
| Gen Mills | 54½ | 54¼ |
| Gen Motors | 56¼ | 56½ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 143½ | 143¼ |
| Gen Signal | 36½ | 36¼ |
| Genuine Parts | 44¼ | 44½ |
| Georgia Pac | 73¼ | 73½ |
| Gillette | 49½ | 48½ |
| Glaxo Welle ADR | 24 | 23¼ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 39½ | 39½ |
| Goodyear Tire | 50½ | 50½ |
| Grace (W&R) | 80½ | 81¼ |
| Grt Atl Pac Tea | 34¼ | 34 |
| Great Wstn Fin | 22½ | 22¼ |
| Halliburton | 55½ | 55½ |
| Harcourt General | 44 | 43½ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 33 | 32¾ |
| Hercules | 61½ | 61½ |
| Hershey Foods | 72¼ | 72½ |
| Hewlett Packard | 99½ | 98½ |
| Hilton Hotels | 102½ | 103¾ |
| Home Depot | 46½ | 45¾ |
| Homestake Mng | 19¼ | 19½ |
| Honeywell | 52 | 51½ |
| Household Ind | 68¾ | 68¼ |
| Houston Inds | 21½ | 20¾ |
| Humana | 24½ | 24¼ |
| ITT Corp | 60¼ | 59½ |
| Illinois Tool | 65½ | 65½ |
| Illinova | 25½ | 25½ |
| INCO | 33 | 33¼ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 38½ | 38 |
| Inland Steel | 25½ | 25¼ |
| Intel Corp | 65¼ | 64¼ |
| IBM | 105½ | 106½ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| Intl Paper | 40½ | 40½ |
| James River Va | 26½ | 26¼ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 91½ | 90½ |
| Kellogg | 70½ | 71¼ |
| Kerr-McGee | 66½ | 66½ |
| Kimberly-Clark | 68½ | 72½ |
| Kmart | 9½ | 9½ |
| Knight-Ridder | 67¼ | 67½ |
| Lilly (Eli) | 59½ | 56½ |
| Limited Inc | 18¼ | 18½ |
| Lincoln Nat | 48½ | 48½ |
| Litton | 44 | 43½ |
| Liz Claiborne | 35¼ | 35½ |
| Lockheed Martin | 74½ | 75½ |
| Louisiana Pac | 24 | 23½ |
| MCI Comm | 28½ | 28½ |
| Marriott Int | 48½ | 48½ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 91¼ | 91½ |
| Masco Corp | 27½ | 28¼ |
| May Dept St | 49 | 49½ |
| Maytag Corp | 19¼ | 19 |
| McDonalds | 46½ | 46½ |
| McDonnell D | 90½ | 88½ |
| McGraw Hill | 88 | 87¼ |
| Mead Corp | 56 | 56½ |
| Medtronic | 53 | 52½ |
| Mellon Bk | 53¾ | 53½ |
| Melville Corp | 38¼ | 39 |
| Merck Inc | 61¼ | 60¾ |
| Merrill Lynch | 58½ | 58½ |
| Microsoft | 107¾ | 106 |
| Minnesota Mine | 64½ | 64½ |
| Mobil Corp | 113 | 114½ |
| Monsanto | 150½ | 151 |
| Morgan (JP) | 80½ | 80½ |
| Motorola Inc | 59½ | 57¼ |
| Natl Semi | 15¼ | 14¾ |
| Natl Service Ind | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Navistar Int | 10½ | 10½ |
| NY Times A | 31½ | 31½ |
| Newmont Mng | 55¼ | 55½ |
| Niag Mohawk | 6¾ | 6¾ |
| Nike B | 92½ | 93½ |
| NL Industries | 13¼ | 13 |
| Noram Energy | 10½ | 10¾ |
| Nordstrom | 44½ | 45½ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 83¼ | 81½ |
| Nthn State Pwr | 47½ | 47½ |
| Norwest Corp | 35¼ | 35¼ |
| Nynex Corp | 52¼ | 52½ |
| Occidental Pet | 26¾ | 26½ |
| Ohio Edison | 20¾ | 20¾ |

| | Apr 18 midday | Apr 17 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oracle | 31½ | 31½ |
| Oryx Energy Co | 15½ | 16 |
| Overseas Ship | 18½ | 18½ |
| Owens Corning | 39½ | 39½ |
| PHH Corp | 55½ | 55½ |
| PPG Industries | 49 | 49½ |
| PNC Bank | 29½ | 29¾ |
| PP&L Res | 22½ | 22½ |
| Paccar Inc | 48½ | 48 |
| Pacificorp | 19¾ | 20½ |
| Pac Enterprises | 25½ | 25¾ |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 22¾ | 22½ |
| Pac Telesis | 33½ | 33½ |
| Pall Corp | 27½ | 26½ |
| Parker Hannifin | 39¼ | 38½ |
| Peco Energy | 24½ | 24½ |
| Penney (JC) | 49½ | 49½ |
| Pennzoil | 40½ | 40¼ |
| Pepsico | 61½ | 61½ |
| Pfizer | 69½ | 68½ |
| Pharm & Upjhn | 38 | 37½ |
| Phelps Dodge | 72 | 72½ |
| Philip Morris | 89½ | 89½ |
| Phillips Pet | 38½ | 39½ |
| Pitney Bowes | 48 | 48½ |
| Polaroid | 43½ | 43½ |
| PriceCostco | 18½ | 18½ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 83½ | 83½ |
| Providian | 44½ | 45 |
| Pub Serv E & G | 26½ | 26½ |
| Quaker Oats | 32½ | 32½ |
| Ralston Purina | 61½ | 61½ |
| Raychem Corp | 74½ | 67½ |
| Raytheon | 50 | 50 |
| Reebok Intl | 29½ | 29½ |
| Reynolds Metals | 56½ | 55½ |
| Rockwell Intl | 57½ | 56½ |
| Rohm & Haas | 68½ | 67½ |
| Royal Dutch | 144½ | 144½ |
| Rubbermaid | 28½ | 28½ |
| SBC Comms | 49½ | 49½ |
| Safeco Corp | 32½ | 31½ |
| St Paul's Cos | 53½ | 54 |
| Salomon Inc | 39½ | 39½ |
| Sara Lee Corp | 30½ | 31 |
| Schering Plough | 58½ | 57½ |
| Schlumberger | 81½ | 81½ |
| Seagram | 32½ | 32½ |
| Sears Roebuck | 52½ | 52½ |
| Shell Trans | 80½ | 80½ |
| Sherwin Wllms | 43½ | 43 |
| Skyline Corp | 24½ | 24 |
| Snap-On-Tools | 46½ | 46½ |
| Southern Co | 22 | 22 |
| Sprint Corp | 40 | 39½ |
| Stanley Works | 61 | 58½ |
| Sun Company | 29½ | 29½ |
| Sun Microsys | 50½ | 48½ |
| Suntrust | 69½ | 68½ |
| Supervalu | 31½ | 31½ |
| Sysco Corp | 32½ | 32½ |
| TRW Inc | 91½ | 91½ |
| TCC Inds | 2½ | 2½ |
| Tandem Comp | 10 | 9½ |
| Tandy Corp | 49 | 50 |
| Teledyne | 36½ | 36½ |
| Temple Inland | 48½ | 49½ |
| Tenneco | 54½ | 55½ |
| Texaco | 84½ | 84½ |
| Texas Inst | 55½ | 58 |
| Texas Utilities | 39½ | 39½ |
| Textron | 86½ | 87½ |
| Time Warner | 40½ | 40½ |
| Times-Mirror A | 38½ | 37½ |
| Timken | 44 | 43½ |
| Torchmark | 43 | 42½ |
| Toys R Us | 28½ | 28½ |
| Transamerica | 73½ | 73½ |
| Travelers | 60½ | 61½ |
| Tribune | 66½ | 65½ |
| Tyco Labs | 37½ | 36½ |
| UST Inc | 31 | 30½ |
| UAL | 222½ | 217½ |
| US Inds | 21½ | 21½ |
| USX Marathon | 20½ | 20 |
| Unicom | 27 | 26½ |
| Unilever NV | 137½ | 135½ |
| Union Camp | 51½ | 51½ |
| Union Carbide | 48½ | 48½ |
| Union Pacific | 68½ | 67½ |
| Unisys Corp | 6½ | 6½ |
| USAir Group | 18½ | 18½ |
| USF&G Corp | 15½ | 15½ |
| US Life | 28½ | 28½ |
| United Tech | 110½ | 109½ |
| Unocal Corp | 32½ | 33½ |
| VF Corp | 54½ | 54½ |
| WMX Tech | 35½ | 33½ |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 22½ | 22½ |
| Warner-Lambert | 113½ | 110 |
| Wells Fargo | 251 | 251½ |
| Westinghouse El | 18½ | 18½ |
| Weyerhaeuser | 48½ | 48½ |
| Whirlpool | 58 | 59½ |
| Whitman | 24 | 24 |
| Winn Dixie | 32 | 32½ |
| Woolworth | 18½ | 17½ |
| Wrigley (Wm) Jr | 59½ | 59½ |
| Xerox | 132½ | 131½ |
| Yellow Corp | 12½ | 12½ |

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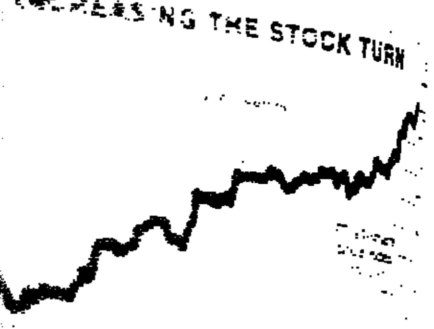

# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Up to the deadline

STAFF at *Sunday Business* are determined their paper will hit the news stands this weekend, in spite of setbacks. The paper which claims it is the target of dirty tricks has been seeking last-minute financial backers, including Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers.

By yesterday, the paper had parted company with its original printers, West Ferry and its advertising agency. In addition, the *Sunday Business Post*, based in Dublin, has obtained an injunction preventing the paper publishing in the Irish Republic on the ground that its masthead is too similar to its own. *Sunday Business* has also received legal threats from Reed Elsevier, the publisher, concerning a story in a dummy issue, which claimed Reed was seeking a buyer for its subsidiary, IPC magazines.

## American beef

WITNESS the fearsome economic power of Oprah Winfrey, who led a discussion about beef on her TV show this week. Although mad cow disease has not affected herds in the US, as far as anybody knows, Chicago's futures traders took fright at the thought that millions of Americans might have been put off meat. The traders rushed to sell, and the Chicago beef futures market collapsed shortly after the programme went off the air.

## In the frame

MIDLAND Bank is spending £2 million on sponsoring ITV dramas, including *Inspector Morse* and *Prime Suspect*. But on the advice of *Campaign* editor Stefano Hatfield, Midland should beware the runaway plot. "What happens when the storyline is about a small businessman who goes bankrupt and turns to drink or violence ... You can see the flashing headlines."

## Royal flush

THE chairman of Rentokil took time off from his bid for BET last night. Henry King, also chairman of the GKR Group, was in Leeds at the Royal Armouries Museum to celebrate the headhunters' silver jubilee. The Duke of Westminster, Sir James Glover and Sir Timothy Kitson were among the guests to groan at King's joke: "It's not everyday you have the opportunity to dine with a Duke, two knights ... and a king."

## Dividing wall

WHEN employees at Hambros Fund Management invited their old colleagues from Hambros Municipal Bank to their new offices at One America Square, they held the party in the basement, which boasts a section of Roman wall. Not quite Chinese walls, but both teams kept well apart.

*TONY BLAIR shares a common interest with Philip Yates, who yesterday announced his resignation as managing director and joint head of UK corporate finance at SBC Warburg to join Merrill Lynch as a managing director. Rock kids Blair and Yates are both Oasis fans.*

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SIMON WALKER

Ahead of the crowd: Karen Jolley, a children's nanny, moves into the new world of self-scanning at the Safeway supermarket in Camden, London

# Supermarket customers check out delights of 'shop and go'

### Stealing a march on its rivals, Safeway is offering self-scanning, says **Sarah Bagnall**

Imagine a world where the weekly food shop is not a Darwinian contest of the fittest that can last hours. Consider the following. The trip starts normally enough. You walk briskly along the supermarket aisles picking up the items of your choice. You have loaded up your trolley and then something strange happens.

You glance at the long queues moving at a snail's pace, but instead of joining one, you march briskly to a "special" till and, after a momentary pitstop, you sail out of the store.

No tiresome time spent standing in line behind whining children and arguing couples. No labourious packing of your bounty into dozens of plastic bags. No more arriving home to find, in spite of your best endeavours, that your industrial-sized tins of baked beans have squashed your tomatoes to pulp.

Overall, a shopper's dream. But this is reality for many customers of Safeway, the supermarket chain owned by Argyll Group. In the latest twist in the fierce battle for supremacy among Britain's leading food retailers, it has stolen a march on its competitors by introducing the novel concept of self-scanning in 24 of its 370 stores.

Safeway is conducting the largest experiment of self-scanning in the world. It is the first British retailer to enter the brave new technological world of self-scanning, a process that transforms the shopper into checkout assistant by the simple method of customers passing hand-held bar scanners over their chosen products.

The key attraction for the customer is that it basically amounts to approved queue barging. Henri Henriques, manager of the Safeway store in Camden, London, says: "Take Christmas, which is peak time for us, and the average customer comes to the till with £180 worth of goods. If they used self-scanning it would take them three to four minutes to get through the checkout compared with ten minutes plus if they shopped the normal way."

The idea of self-scanning is simple. Any of Safeway's 3.4 million holders of loyalty cards can arrive at a store and, after a quick swipe of their card, pick up one of 96 scanners from a rack. The scanner, which resembles a new-age phone receiver, is pointed at the desired bunch of grapes, or pot of jam, and the shopper presses a + button. If, you decide you no longer want the jam, you rescan the rejected item and press the minus button.

The scheme is being watched with interest by the City. Tony MacNeary, an analyst at NatWest Securities, says: "Clearly it is an interesting innovation and Safeway have taken the lead in the UK. It could result in improved customer service and reduce labour costs." Mr MacNeary thinks self-scanning could lower the number of staff needed in a store. Safeway, however, is adamant that its introduction will not lead to any job losses.

Dave McCarthy, an analyst at BZW, says self-scanning gives greater flexibility to customers and differentiates the retailer. The latter is an important aspect in the battle for custom. Mr McCarthy adds: "There are several advantages for Safeway, such as it reduces the square footage needed for tills and frees up space." The food retailers have been trying to free up space to enable them to introduce more higher-margin non-food products, such as videos and clothes.

There are no other comparable systems on trial, but there is a great deal of talk about "entire basket" scanning. This requires a micro chip in every product and therefore is not feasible for low-cost items.

Self-scanning is proving popular with Safeway customers. Mr Henriques says: "In this store, we have more than 5,000 customers who use the self-scanner regularly and we have only had self-scanning in the store since September." At the Camden store, there are about 29,000 holders of ABC, Safeway's loyalty card, of which about 18 per cent use self-scanning regularly. The percentage has crept up from about 11 per cent when it was introduced and Mr Henriques believes that it will contine to grow.

The new system started trials in March 1995 in Safeway's Solihull store, expanding to the other 23 over the course of the year. It has since been modified and branded "shop and go". The group intends to roll self-scanning out into at least a further 30 of its larger stores within the next six months.

On the face of it, self-scanning sounds like a mouth-watering opportunity for shoplifters. Companies such as food retailers are common targets for thiefs. However, Mr Henriques says shoplifting is not a problem. This partly reflects the fact that the only ABC cardholders can indulge in self-scanning and, as a result, they have given their name and address to the group. The belief is that not many shoplifters will be willing to divulge such information.

Mr MacNeary says: "In some parts of the country, self-scanning will be an open invitation to theft. However, the fact that to use the system you have to be a cardholder means Safeway can track you down." The other important aspect is that Safeway makes spot checks on self-scanned trolleys.

With "shop and go", the customer knows if his or her trolley needs re-scanning only when the scanner has been returned to the rack. This is a recent modification of the scheme as originally shoppers had prior warning of a check. Now, when the scanner is returned to the handset dispenser a piece a paper is printed out that gives the all-clear or informs the customer they must have their purchases checked for accuracy.

The re-scanning can — and does — show up errors. The most common problem is that children are adept at slipping lollies or crisps into trolleys while their parents are seeking ecologically-sound washing powder.

One benefit of self-scanning is that it has been found to take pressure off traditional tills. Mr Henriques says: "Having self-scanning really reduces the burden on checkouts. I was really worried at Christmas because the store seemed empty and I asked 'are we taking any money guys?'. We took millions. It was a brilliant Christmas."

Then there is the added appeal that you don't dump your chosen items unceremoniously to form a tangled, crushed mess in the bottom of a trolley, but pack them neatly into an array of green plastic boxes snugly placed in specially designed trolleys of various shapes and sizes. These boxes, are bought by customers, doing away with the need for plastic bags.

Another attraction of the system is the control it offers customers. There is no need for mathematical gymnastics that invariably produce a total that is at odds with that rung up on the till. Instead, a customer shopping on a tight budget can keep a eye on the running total recorded on the scanner, removing and adding products until achieving the desired effect. Surprisingly, however, Safeway is not seeing any fall in the size of the average shopping basket.

Self-scanning is in its infancy, but the belief is that it is likely to become a major feature in food retailing in the future. As Mr MacNeary says: "If a retailer can get people to use the self-scanning device and can overcome the problem of trust, or tolerate a certain level of abuse, then it could be a successful means of improving customer service."

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### **Kirk O. Hanson** on what goes into a social audit

# Questions of ethics for Body Shop

In the UK and US, the search for a measure to evaluate a company's social contributions has intensified. While politicians have sought the development of a "corporate social audit" or "ethical impact statement" for their own contemporary political purposes, they have embraced a goal that is decades old.

In the late 1960s, American interest in how business contributed to environmental degradation, urban blight and injuries from unsafe products led to calls for corporate social responsibility and the means to measure it. In Western Europe in the 1970s, Labour governments advocated, and occasionally enacted, requirements for "social audits" that documented companies' employment levels, wages and benefits, redundancies and other impacts on worker welfare.

Today, President Clinton, Robert Reich, the American Labour Secretary, and Tony Blair have encouraged discussion of a social or stakeholder audit for roughly the same reason: to create a voluntary standard for social behaviour by private business, knowing major new state initiatives for the control of business are unlikely. The existence of such measures, it is hoped, would set the standard of responsible corporate conduct. The media, in turn, would draw attention to the results, bringing pressure on laggard firms to improve.

Mainstream corporate managements are, or ought to be, interested in the social audit for more practical reasons. Social performance today has profound importance for financial performance. The environmental audit identifies significant future costs of pollution remediation. Poor treatment of local communities, neglect of safety in distant manufacturing facilities, or failure to keep up with benefits that address employees' family needs can identify higher future costs and the risks of costly events. Top performance can indicate lower costs and higher productivity in the future.

Body Shop, with Anita Roddick, was a willing "guinea pig" in the social audit

In subjecting itself to two social evaluations in the past year, The Body Shop International has made itself a willing "guinea pig" in the development of social auditing. Its internally developed *Values Report*, unveiled in January, focused primarily on dialogues and surveys that asked stakeholders to rate what they knew of Body Shop's social behaviour. In my *Social Evaluation 1995*, published today, I rate Body Shop's behaviour against a set of comparable companies on 39 dimensions of social performance. I give the company 39 "grades" of one to five stars, three representing performance comparable to other companies and five representing far superior performance.

Practical problems abound in performing a social or stakeholder audit. What are the dimensions of social performance, for example? Everything a company does affects a stakeholder, you might argue, but you cannot report effectively on everything. I started with more than 200 categories of "social" performance, setting aside some because they were not important to this kind of cosmetic and accessories company, adding others because of Body Shop's dealings with independent franchisees worldwide. I combined many measures to keep the total number workable.

What is a social rating? Do you rate a company on some absolute quantitative scale, against some measure of "best practice", against the average behaviour of comparable companies, perhaps against the company's own goals or its claims about its own behaviour? With so few accepted metrics or measure of "best practice," I chose to evaluate the social behaviour against the average behaviour of similar companies.

How much investigation and auditing does one do? As in financial auditing, one could check every transaction and relationship if given an unlimited budget. I made choices and identified appropriate samples. I examined 15 randomly selected customer complaints, visited 25 stores in the UK and the US and talked to 80 employees. I have undoubtedly missed instances of exemplary and substandard behaviour, but, I believe, I have accurately captured the overall social record of the company.

Finally, who should do a social audit — insiders or an outsider like myself? Can an outsider ever understand the company well enough to draw valid conclusions? Will an audit ever be credible if done by insiders? This year Body Shop commissioned both an outsider audit (mine) and an inside audit, with a form of verification by outsiders.

I believe the social audit will eventually be done much as the financial audit is now done — by insiders with outside attestation that the results present a fair representation of the social performance of the company. But until there are generally accepted measures of social performance or the special impact of companies, an outsider's evaluation may be the only way to get a comprehensive assessment of a company's social performance.

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## BUSINESS LETTERS

### Two 'wise ones' both right on the course of Britain's recovery

*From M. C. Fitzpatrick*

Sir, In Janet Bush's Economic View (April 11), she sought to test the apparently contradictory views held by two of the Chancellor's "Six Wise Ones". Professor Minford believes that the UK recovery is running out of steam, as companies totter under the involuntary increase in stock built up over the last 18 months, he believes that interest rates need to be cut immediately by 2 per cent in order to sustain the recovery. Professor Congdon sees significant dangers of inflation as consumers go out and spend their tax cuts and building society windfalls; he believes that rates will soon have to move upwards.

Who is right? I believe they both are. Let us look at Professor Minford's views first. Quarterly growth averaged about 0.5 per cent in each of the final three quarters of 1995, with much of even this anaemic growth being driven by stock building. Moving to 1996, the first two quarters are the most arithmetically significant in determining the overall growth in 1996 as compared with 1995 as a whole; it is likely that growth in these two quarters will be adversely affected as companies stabilise stock levels (or, worse still from a growth perspective, reduce stocks). The impact of the stock shakeout in the first two quarters of 1996 will make it very difficult for the economy to grow by more than a 2 per cent in 1996 as compared with 1995 as a whole. This is so even if the increase in consumer spending helps to lift overall growth to (say) 0.8 per cent per quarter in the second half of 1996, after the stock shakeout has run its course. A cut in rates now would ease the stock shakeout effect, and make it more likely for economic growth in 1996 to exceed 2 per cent; to this extent, Professor Minford is on the right side of the divide.

Let us now turn to Professor Congdon's analysis. Assuming that quarterly growth does accelerate to about 0.8 per cent in the second half of 1996, then by the end of 1996 the economy will be growing above trend and the Government will almost certainly be in danger of not achieving its 2.5 per cent underlying inflation target two years out. By the end of 1996 either rates, or taxes, or both, ought to got up; probably taxes, in order to control the PSBR which is now totally out of control as compared to the figures projected by the Treasury in November 1994. This analysis fits broadly with Professor Congdon's.

In terms of any decisions to be taken by the Chancellor in late 1996, however, a third factoer cuts in — electorial timing. At the end of 1996, the Government may believe it has a chance of winning the forthcoming election — it may thus be loath to raise taxes or rates on the eve of the poll. On this basis, Professor Congdon's advice is likely to be ignored.

My conclusion is that Professor Minford is right in the immediate term and Professor Congdon in the medium term; alas, the advice of each is unlikely to be heeded.

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### Benefits for the whole economy

*From Mr Anthony Werner*

Sir, Janet Bush (Windfalls debate disguises risk to manufacturing jobs, April 11) draws attention to the disarray of economic "experts". She reminds me of a passage in Paul Ormerod's book *The Death of Economics* "Good economists know, from work within their discipline, the foundations of their subject are *virtually non-existent*.

*Lost Prophets* by Alfred L. Malabre, an American book, states "a prominent member of the Harvard economics faculty, Robert J. Barro has constructed a so-called misery index, reflecting economic growth, joblessness, unemployment and interest-rate levels, and has concluded that misery seems to diminish most pronouncedly when the chairmanship of the (President's Council of Economic Advisers) is held by an economist named 'vacancy'." These quotes reinforce the view that economists do not know what they are talking about. A great danger that may have arisen from this, is that the subject of economics is dismissed as valueless. This would be unfortunate. We need to go back to fundamentals, to reexamine, as Adam Smith did, "The nature and causes of the Wealth of Nations". To a classical economist it would be obvious you cannot have a consumer-led recovery while big companies create short-term profits by downsizing. Classical economists understood that the economy is a whole, damage to part of it damages the whole. We need economists to advise governments on policies to benefit the economy as a whole.

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| Dividends per share | 7.5p | 7.1p |
| Net assets per share | 198p | 184p |

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 556 | 490 | Allied Domecq | 504 | - 1 | 5.0 | 18.3 |
| 625 | 500 | Bulmer (HP) | 622 | | 2.5 | 19.5 |
| 131 | 115 | Burn Stewart | 121 | + 1 | 5.2 | 25.8 |
| 464 | 411 | Grand Met | 448½ | + 6½ | 4.2 | 19.3 |
| 495 | 435 | Guinness | 471 | + 5½ | 4.0 | 16.0 |
| 398 | 315 | Highland Dist | 378 | + 4 | 2.7 | 17.1 |
| 195 | 150 | Macallan-Glenl | 171 | + 1 | 1.1 | 35.1 |
| 650 | 615 | Macdn Mrtn A | 633 | ... | 2.2 | 17.6 |
| 765 | 655 | Matthew Clark | 765 | + 4 | 3.6 | |
| 116 | 99 | Morgan W | 103 | | 2.4 | |
| 2612½ | 1912½ | SA Breweries | 2061¼ | - 6¼ | 1.5 | 31.7 |

## BANKS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3306¼ | 2743¾ | ABN-AMRO | 3218¾ | - 40½ | 4.4 | |
| 663 | 523 | Abbey Natl | 574 | - 3 | 4.7 | 11.8 |
| 385 | 322 | Allied Irish | 345 | + 1 | 5.0 | 10.1 |
| 336 | 299 | Aus New Z | 310 | - 7 | 5.5 | |
| 5242½ | 3843¾ | Bank America | 4962½ | + 25 | | |
| 316 | 238½ | Bank Scotland | 252½ | - ½ | 3.6 | 11.2 |
| 819 | 683 | Barclays | 743 | - 6 | 4.4 | 9.7 |
| 495 | 422 | Bk of Ireland | 466 | | 3.6 | 9.3 |
| 482 | 424 | Cater Allen | 444 | | 8.4 | 7.3 |
| 5269¾ | 4031¼ | Citicorp | 5050 | - 62½ | | |
| 395 | 319 | Close Brot | 365 | | 3.1 | 16.2 |
| £157½ | £142¾ | Commerzbk | £148½ | + 116¼ | 3.5 | |
| 1293¾ | 1171¼ | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 1246¼ | - 34 | 0.4 | |
| 3412½ | 2978¼ | Deutsche Bk | 3312½ | + 12½ | 2.2 | |
| 796 | 597½ | Espirito Santo | 796¼ | | 4.6 | 10.4 |
| 1507 | 1205½ | Fuji Bank Y | 1339¼ | - 8 | 0.4 | |
| 412 | 389 | Gerrard Nat | 402 | | 7.0 | 13.0 |
| 252 | 196 | Hambros | 243 | | 3.6 | |
| 1125 | 949 | HSBC | 996 | - 4½ | 4.0 | 11.5 |
| 1099 | 930 | HSBC Hk | 984 | | 4.1 | 11.4 |
| 421 | 385 | Irish Perm | 386 | .. | 3.5 | |
| 165 | 143 | King Shaxson | 156 | | 7.3 | 12.0 |
| 453 | 448 | Leopold J | 450 | | 5.2 | 15.5 |
| 347½ | 294½ | Lloyds TSB | 328 | - 3½ | 3.0 | 17.7 |
| 640 | 576 | Nat Aust Bk | 577 | - 10 | 7.5 | 7.4 |
| 711 | 608 | Nat West | 631 | - 5 | 5.0 | 8.8 |
| 66 | 58 | Rea Brothers | 58 | | 2.2 | 27.5 |
| 595 | 483 | Ryl Bk Scot | 512 | - 4 | 4.0 | 11.6 |
| 1380 | 1165 | Schroders | 1225 | + 8 | 1.6 | 17.1 |
| 1128 | 890 | Schroders N/V | 978 | - 5 | 2.0 | 13.7 |
| 113 | 99½ | Singer & Fried | 105 | | 4.4 | 9.2 |
| 862 | 547 | Stand Chart | 623 | + 6 | 2.2 | 13.6 |
| 105 | 85½ | Union | 103 | | 3.6 | |
| £174¼ | £131½ | Wells Fargo | £166 | - 169¼ | 1.8 | |
| 318½ | 254 | Westpac | 316½ | - 1 | 4.6 | |
| 305 | 269 | Woolwich | 300 | | 4.9 | 11.2 |

## BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 36 | Abtrn Cn Hs | 38 | | | 9.2 |
| 366 | 290 | Ascot Hldgs | 350 | + 7 | | 0.7 |
| 793½ | 702 | Bass | 790 | - 11 | 3.6 | 19.2 |
| 70 | 45 | Brk to the Bx | 46 | | 4.5 | 12.0 |
| 177 | 160 | Burtonwd Brw | 166 | | 4.1 | 16.1 |
| 130 | 93 | City Centre Rest | 119½ | + 3½ | 2.2 | |
| 548 | [illegible] | Compass Gp | 545 | + 1 | 1.7 | 24.1 |
| 262 | 190 | Eldridge P A | 249 | + 4 | 2.3 | 21.0 |
| 480 | 413 | Fuller Smt 'A' | 479 | | 2.3 | 19.9 |
| 603 | 551 | Greenalls Grp | 582½ | - 12½ | 2.9 | 15.6 |
| 672 | 604 | Greene King | 672 | - 5 | 2.7 | 16.5 |
| 233 | 224 | Grosvenor Inns | 231 | | 3.0 | 24.5 |
| 254 | 204 | Groupe Chez Gerr | 212 | | 1.5 | 22.1 |
| 357 | 300 | Hardy Hanson | 313 | - 1 | 4.0 | 11.7 |
| 230 | 195 | Heavitree | 210 | | 2.2 | |
| 2415 | 2195 | Holt J | 2438 | | 2.0 | 15.4 |

## BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

## BUILDING MATERIALS

## CHEMICALS

## DISTRIBUTORS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 535 | 426 | Bemrose | 524 | | 3.4 | .. |
| 22 | 18 | Bridgend Gp | 21 | .. | 1.2 | . |
| 101 | 76 | Brit Fittings | 101 | | 4.5 | |
| 385 | 245 | Caffyns | 285 | ... | 5.0 | 19.7 |
| 14¼ | 10½ | Cawdale | 14¼ | | 2.6 | ... |
| 78 | 65½ | Central Mtr | 71 | . | 0.9 | |
| 92 | 78 | Charles Sidney | 87 | . | 5.3 | 13.7 |
| 61 | 54½ | Cook (DC) | 58 | + 1 | 3.7 | 8.5 |
| 360 | 287 | Cowie | 360 | + 4 | 3.6 | 13.5 |
| 170 | 130½ | Dag Motors | 170 | | 5.7 | |
| 163 | 125½ | Denmans El | 163 | . | 2.0 | 14.7 |
| 434 | 385 | Diploma | 420 | - 3 | 4.3 | 13.6 |
| 383 | 329 | Electrocomponts | 363 | ... | 2.0 | 26.0 |
| 314 | 271 | Eurodis Elec | 292 | | 1.9 | 21.0 |
| 130 | 65 | Eurodollar | 130 | + 3 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| 105 | 76 | European Mtr | 82 | + 1 | 7.9 | 7.0 |
| 340 | 285 | Evans Halshaw | 340 | + 4 | 6.1 | 12.3 |
| 67 | 57 | Fife Indmar | 63 | | 6.5 | ... |
| 303 | 248 | Finelist Grp | 303 | + 3 | 2.3 | 17.8 |
| 29 | 16½ | Gardiner | 29 | | 3.7 | 11.6 |
| 64½ | 33½ | Glenchewton | 58 | | 1.9 | 42.6 |
| 88 | 84 | Grahams | 87 | .. | 4.0 | |
| 258 | 216 | Harris (Philip) | 250 | . | 3.7 | 15.9 |
| 260 | 200½ | Headlam | 260 | | 2.3 | . |
| 650 | 497 | Hellys | 650 | + 1 | 2.3 | 19.1 |
| 150 | 132 | Holders Tech | 150 | ... | 5.0 | 28.5 |
| 185 | 153 | ISA Intl | 173 | ... | 1.7 | |
| 315 | 231 | Inchcape | 314 | | 3.7 | ... |
| 60 | 33 | Jacks (Wm) | 48 | . | 2.0 | 9.1 |
| 222 | 160 | Kwik-Fit | 222 | + 5 | 2.8 | 19.6 |
| 331 | 299 | Lex Service | 330 | + 5 | 5.7 | 12.0 |
| 147½ | 119 | Lookers | 132 | + 7 | 7.5 | .. |
| 17 | 10½ | Malaya Grp | 17½ | . | 6.1 | 14.0 |
| 9¼ | 7½ | MidBoards | 8 | . | 0.8 | 18.4 |
| 47 | 31 | Midstates | 41 | | | |
| 539 | 440 | Nurdin | 535 | | 1.8 | 18.2 |
| 304 | 232 | Northamber | 302 | + 4 | 0.7 | 34.2 |
| 162 | 135 | PCT | 147 | | 6.5 | 10.5 |
| 309 | 272 | Pendragon | 309 | + 5 | 3.6 | 15.7 |
| 195 | 145 | Perry Gp | 195 | | 5.3 | . |
| 690 | 603 | Premier Farnell | 690 | + 3 | 1.8 | 20.1 |
| 158 | 135 | Quick Group | 157 | + 2 | 5.0 | |
| 246 | 185 | REA | 243 | | 2.1 | 28.9 |
| 3 | 2¼ | Reece | 2¼ | | | |
| 61 | 39 | Ronson | 48 | . | 3.3 | 9.8 |
| 3½ | 2 | Ross Gp | 2¼ | | | |
| 55 | 49 | SEP Indl | 51½ | + ½ | 3.9 | 12.0 |
| 18¼ | 13 | Saltire | 18¼ | - 1¼ | 0.7 | ... |
| 297 | 246 | Time Products | 297 | + 4 | 3.9 | 17.4 |
| 41 | 30 | Toner Hire | 34 | - 1 | 4.7 | 17.8 |
| 303 | 268 | Vardy (Reg) | 303 | + 8 | 2.5 | 16.9 |
| 409 | 325 | Wholesale Ftgs | 409 | + 4 | 3.7 | 21.7 |
| 59 | 36½ | Wilshaw | 36½ | - ½ | 2.7 | 8.7 |
| 119 | 78 | Wyko | 116 | + 1 | 1.9 | . |
| 125 | 104 | Young (H) | 114 | | 4.3 | 13.3 |

## DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1¼ | 0½ | Anglo Utd | 0½ | | | |
| 382 | 282 | Antofagasta | 350 | . | 1.9 | 11.7 |
| 1017 | 836 | Broken Hill | 990 | - 8 | 2.6 | 21.1 |
| 340 | 313 | BTR | 317 | - 2 | 5.8 | 13.1 |
| 565 | 477 | BAT | 504 | - 6 | 6.0 | 10.5 |
| 215 | 181 | Bensford Intl | 208 | | 1.8 | 20.2 |
| 135 | 111 | Bibby (J) | 122 | . | 5.9 | 9.8 |
| 62½ | 50½ | Bierley Inv | 62½ | + 1 | 7.5 | 3.2 |
| 908 | 817 | Charter | 893 | - 10 | 3.8 | 13.2 |
| 329 | 282 | Cookson | 327 | | 3.1 | 17.1 |
| 168 | 141 | Cosalt | 167 | . | 6.5 | 10.5 |
| 255 | 204 | DCC | 242 | | 2.4 | 10.6 |
| 138 | 120 | Grampian Hdg | 137 | | 5.7 | . |
| 230 | 179 | Hanson | 196 | + 4¼ | 7.7 | 9.8 |
| 172½ | 142 | Harrisn Crsfld | 146 | - 1 | 7.7 | 15.5 |
| 459¼ | 379½ | Hutch Whamp | 410¼ | - 2¼ | 1.9 | 21.5 |
| 562½ | 441½ | JarDine Math | 529¼ | - 1¼ | 3.2 | . |
| 217½ | 174½ | Lonrho | 196½ | + 1 | 3.0 | 22.5 |
| 178 | 164 | McLeod Russel | 177 | + 1 | 4.5 | 16.0 |

## ELECTRICITY

## ELECTRONIC & ELECT

## ENGINEERING

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 256 | 200 | Quadramatic | 245 | ... | 4.2 | 15.2 |
| 18 | 14½ | Quadrant Grp | 15 | .. | 2.1 | 41.9 |
| 65 | 62 | Radford Metal | 65 | | | ... |
| 69 | 53 | Ransomes | 67 | - 1 | .. | 18.6 |
| 73 | 56½ | Record | 71 | . | 6.6 | 17.9 |
| 326 | 231 | Renold | 274½ | ... | 2.4 | 15.5 |
| 36 | 31 | Richards Group | 31 | - 2 | 9.1 | 9.2 |
| 89 | 78 | Richardson West | 80 | - 1 | 5.9 | . |
| 230½ | 187 | Rolls-Royce | 237 | + 9 | 2.7 | 28.0 |
| 214 | 171 | Rotork | 213 | . | 3.2 | |
| 180 | 160 | Rubicon | 180 | + 8 | 3.8 | 17.9 |
| 1568¼ | 1187½ | SKF 'B' | 1493¼ | - 18¼ | 3.5 | ... |
| 108 | 82½ | Senior Eng | 103 | + 1 | 4.5 | |
| 245 | 156 | [illegible] | 227 | | 1.7 | 23.5 |
| 897 | 750 | Siebe | 872 | + 1 | 1.8 | 24.1 |
| 84 | 70 | Simon Eng | 79 | . | 1.9 | 29.9 |
| 361 | 150 | Six Hundred | 261 | + 16 | 1.1 | 18.7 |
| 717 | 622 | Smiths Ind | 714 | + 5 | 2.6 | 21.0 |
| 731 | 593 | Spirax-Sarco | 731 | . | 2.3 | 21.6 |
| 314 | 287 | Sterling Ind | 313 | . | 3.1 | 15.2 |
| 531 | 456 | TI | 531 | + 2 | 2.9 | 20.6 |
| 99 | 94 | Tinsley (E) | 94 | . | 7.5 | 13.0 |
| 106 | 78 | TransTec | 106 | | 2.6 | . |
| 180 | 140 | Tripler Lloyd | 176 | | 5.0 | 13.1 |
| 150 | 137 | Unicorn Intl | 150 | | 4.6 | |
| 16½ | 14½ | Utd Inds | 15½ | ... | 3.7 | . |
| 14 | 10½ | Verson | 13½ | | ... | ... |
| 302 | 249 | Vickers | 266 | - 1 | 3.1 | 17.3 |
| 14 | 12 | Villers Grp | 12½ | | .. | |
| 770 | 707 | Vitec | 758 | .. | 1.8 | 14.3 |
| 892 | 815 | Vosper Thorny | 827 | . | 3.3 | 15.1 |
| 436 | 389 | Wagon Ind | 411 | . | 5.8 | 11.8 |
| 269 | 212 | Weir | 269 | + 4 | 3.5 | |
| 255 | 228 | Wellington Hdg | 255 | | 3.6 | |
| 50 | 42 | Wellman | 47½ | | 4.3 | 10.4 |
| 425 | 363 | Whatman | 410 | . | 3.6 | 17.4 |
| 132 | 73 | Widney | 76 | . | 5.7 | 8.9 |

## ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 143 | 109 | Adwest | 138 | | 7.1 | 39.4 |
| 275 | 265 | Airflow Stream | 270 | | 3.7 | 6.3 |
| 605 | 471 | Avon Rubber | 604 | + 4 | 3.7 | 14.7 |
| 79½ | 57½ | BSG | 79½ | + ½ | 5.2 | . |
| 325 | 273 | Bodrom | 325 | | 2.6 | |
| 29 | 20 | Boustead | 21 | | 6.0 | . |
| 252 | 175 | ERF | 232 | + 2 | 2.4 | 13.6 |
| 460 | 431 | First Tech | 438 | . | 2.1 | 15.6 |
| 997 | 778 | GKN | 983 | + 4 | 3.1 | 17.9 |
| 3800 | 3112½ | General Mtr | 3781¼ | - 18¼ | 2.8 | |
| 1491¼ | 1312½ | Honda Motor | 1432 | + 5 | 0.8 | . |
| 481 | 385 | Laird | 480 | | 3.2 | |

## FOOD MANUFACTURERS

## HEALTHCARE

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

## INSURANCE

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 514 | 475 | Candover | 514 | + 4 | 3.2 | .. |
| 62½ | 39 | Central Euro Gwth | 61½ | + 1 | 0.9 | ... |
| 214 | 177 | Contl Asset | 213 | - 1 | 7.8 | 78.4 |
| 75 | 67 | Danae Inv Inc | 67 | ... | 14.9 | 7.8 |
| 370 | 325 | Derby Cap | 370 | + 15 | ... | |
| 160 | 142 | Derby Inc | 142 | ... | 17.0 | 7.3 |
| 744 | 683 | Dunedin Inc Gt | 704 | + 3 | 4.9 | 24.6 |
| 95 | 84 | Dunedin Japan | 94 | | .. | ... |
| 344 | 314 | Dunedin Smlr | 344 | + 1½ | 3.3 | 44.2 |
| 34 | 18 | Dunedin Wts | 35 | | . | ... |
| 870 | 791 | Dunedin Wlde | 870 | ... | 1.4 | 75.9 |
| 115½ | 102½ | Edin Dragon | 113 | - ½ | ... | ... |
| 30¼ | 25 | Edinburgh Inca | 27¼ | .. | | |
| 345 | 320 | Edinburgh | 340 | + 1 | 3.5 | 32.8 |
| 177 | 152 | EFM Japan | 174½ | | | |
| 394 | 362 | Electra Inv | 394 | | 2.4 | 62.9 |
| 245 | 222 | Electric Gen | 242 | + 1 | 1.8 | 64.3 |
| 153 | 143 | English Scot | 153 | .. | .. | |
| 398 | 332 | European Assett | 397 | .. | 1.6 | .. |
| 219 | 193 | Fidelity Euro Valt | 217 | . | 0.3 | ... |
| 81 | 71½ | Fidelity Jap Valt | 79¼ | + ½ | 0.2 | ... |
| 121 | 102 | Fidelity Spec Val | 121 | + 2 | 0.5 | ... |
| 183 | 171½ | Finsbury 'A' | 183 | ... | 3.3 | 58.9 |
| 200¼ | 185 | [illegible] | 192¼ | + ½ | 1.7 | .. |
| 43¼ | 27¼ | Fine Art Wts | 31¼ | ... | | ... |
| 316 | 273 | Fleming Amerit | 315 | - 1 | 1.0 | ... |
| 69½ | 54 | Fleming Chinese | 62½ | ... | 1.8 | 73.5 |
| 44 | 26½ | Fleming Ch Wts | 27 | ... | | |
| 277 | 250 | Fleming Claver | 275 | | 2.8 | 34.6 |
| 394 | 343 | Fleming Cont | 394 | + 3 | 1.1 | . |
| 160 | 142½ | Fleming Em Mkts | 148 | - 1 | | |
| 257 | 244½ | Fleming Entp | 257 | .. | 2.5 | 47.9 |
| 388 | 350 | Fleming F East | 372½ | - 1 | 0.5 | .. |
| 435 | 395 | Fleming Fledgt | 425½ | . | 0.9 | .. |
| 106 | 86½ | Fleming Hi Inc | 106 | | 5.5 | 21.8 |
| 66½ | 51½ | Fleming Indian | 65¼ | . | | |
| 41 | 28 | Fleming In Wts | 37 | | | |
| 43 | 39 | Fleming Intl | 40 | .. | 11.7 | 11.0 |
| 280 | 249 | Fleming Japan | 276½ | ... | | |
| 323 | 295 | Fleming Mercl | 322 | | 3.8 | .. |
| 119 | 95 | Fleming Nat Rest | 116½ | - 1 | 0.5 | .. |
| 366 | 330 | Fleming Overs | 357 | - 1 | 1.6 | 82.9 |
| 137 | 130 | Fleming Smlr Co | 136 | - 1 | 4.0 | 29.3 |
| 37 | 29 | Fleming Smlr Wt | 36 | | . | |
| 168 | 153½ | Foreign & Colt | 161½ | + ½ | 1.6 | .. |
| 113 | 98½ | F&C Inc Gwth | 106 | | 3.8 | 31.1 |
| 116 | 104 | F&C Emg Mkts | 111½ | + ½ | | |
| 99 | 85½ | F&C Enterprise | 98½ | | 1.5 | 60.4 |
| 299 | 257 | F&C Eurotst | 298½ | + 1 | 0.5 | .. |
| 142 | 125 | F&C German | 137 | | 0.5 | . |
| 204½ | 183½ | F&C Pacific | 198½ | - ½ | 1.2 | |
| 144 | 134 | F&C PEP | 144 | + 1 | 3.3 | 33.6 |
| 186½ | 172 | F&C Smaller | 185½ | + 1½ | 1.5 | 76.7 |
| 140 | 127 | F&C US Smlr | 138 | - 1 | | |
| 18 | 14 | Fulcrum Cap | 14½ | | | |

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### SHORTS (under 5 years)

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gro red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | 100 | Treas 15¼% 1996 | 100 | ... | 15.19 | 7.12 |
| 102 | 100 | Exch 13¼% 1996 | 100 | | 13.18 | 6.52 |
| 217 | 216 | Treas 2% 1996 | 217 | | 0.92 | 5.86 |
| 103 | 102 | Conv 10% 1996 | 102 | | 9.78 | 6.07 |
| 101 | 100 | Treas 7% 1997 | 100 | | 6.95 | 6.44 |
| 107 | 105 | Treas 13¼% 1997 | 105 | . | 12.59 | 6.14 |
| 104 | 103 | Exch 10½% 1997 | 103 | - | 10.14 | 6.13 |
| 104 | 102 | Treas 8¾% 1997 | 102 | | 8.51 | 6.51 |
| 114 | 111 | Exch 15% 1997 | 111 | | 13.40 | 6.64 |
| 106 | 104 | Exch 9¾% 1998 | 104 | + | 9.30 | 6.76 |
| 102 | 100 | Treas 7¼% 1998 | 100 | + | 7.20 | 6.86 |
| 100 | 95 | Treas 6¾% 1995-98 | 99 | + | 6.77 | 6.95 |
| 118 | 113 | Treas 14% 1996-98 | 113 | + | 12.33 | 6.99 |
| 122 | 118 | Treas 15½% 1998 | 118 | + | 13.06 | 7.05 |
| 114 | 111 | Exch 12% 1998 | 111 | + | 10.77 | 7.15 |
| 108 | 105 | Treas 9½% 1999 | 105 | + | 8.98 | 7.17 |
| 116 | 112 | Exch 12¼% 1999 | 113 | - | 10.83 | 7.25 |
| 112 | 108 | Treas 10½% 1999 | 108 | - | 9.64 | 7.25 |
| 98 | 96 | Treas 6% 1999 | 96 | + | 6.23 | 7.27 |
| 112 | 108 | Conv 10¼% 1999 | 108 | - | 9.41 | 7.39 |
| 108 | 104 | Conv 9% 2000 | 105 | - | 8.55 | 7.43 |
| 105 | 101 | Treas 8% 2000 | 102 | + | 7.84 | 7.49 |
| 124 | 119 | Treas 13% 2000 | 119 | - | 10.87 | 7.52 |
| 114 | 109 | Treas 10% 2001 | 109 | + | 9.13 | 7.63 |

### MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gro red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | 96 | Treas 7% 2001 | 97 | + | 7.22 | 7.60 |
| 114 | 108 | Treas 9¾% 2002 | 109 | - | 8.89 | 7.81 |
| 105 | 99 | Treas 8% 2003 | 100 | - | 7.94 | 7.86 |
| 117 | 110 | Treas 10% 2003 | 111 | - | 8.96 | 7.90 |
| 119 | 114 | Treas 11½% 2001-04 | 115 | + | 9.99 | 7.77 |
| 83 | 78 | Fund 3½% 1999-04 | 79 | - | 4.40 | 6.77 |
| 114 | 108 | Conv 9½% 2004 | 108 | - | 8.72 | 8.02 |
| 96 | 91 | Treas 6¾% 2004 | 92 | + | 7.32 | 8.01 |
| 108 | 102 | Treas 8½% 2005 | 103 | + | 8.24 | 8.02 |
| 113 | 108 | Conv 9½% 2005 | 109 | - | 8.71 | 8.04 |
| 131 | 124 | Treas 12½% 2003-05 | 125 | + | 10.00 | 8.04 |
| 101 | 94 | Treas 7½% 2006 | 96 | + | 7.81 | 8.08 |
| 103 | 96 | Treas 7¾% 2006 | 97 | + | 7.95 | 8.10 |
| 104 | 97 | Treas 8% 2002-06 | 99 | + | 8.04 | 8.13 |
| 125 | 118 | Treas 11¾% 2003-07 | 119 | + | 9.85 | 8.00 |
| 108 | 101 | Treas 8½% 2007 | 102 | + | 8.28 | 8.14 |
| 138 | 130 | Treas 13½% 2004-08 | 131 | + | 10.25 | 8.02 |
| 112 | 105 | Treas 9% 2008 | 106 | - | 8.45 | 8.16 |
| 104 | 96 | Treas 8% 2009 | 98 | + | 8.12 | 8.19 |

### LONGS (over 15 years)

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gro red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | 81 | Treas 6¼% 2010 | 83 | + | 7.50 | 8.24 |
| 112 | 104 | Conv 9% 2011 | 106 | - | 8.46 | 8.25 |
| 113 | 104 | Treas 9% 2012 | 106 | - | 8.45 | 8.26 |
| 82 | 78 | Treas 5½% 2008-12 | 77 | + | 7.10 | 7.99 |
| 103 | 95 | Treas 8% 2013 | 97 | - | 8.20 | 8.26 |
| 101 | 93 | Treas 7¾% 2012-15 | 95 | + | 8.13 | 8.27 |
| 103 | 95 | Treas 8% 2015 | 97 | + | 8.20 | 8.25 |
| 111 | 102 | Treas 8¾% 2017 | 104 | + | 8.37 | 8.29 |
| 141 | 130 | Exch 12% 2013-17 | 133 | + | 9.01 | 8.37 |
| 99 | 92 | Treas 8% 2021 | 97 | + | 8.21 | 8.25 |

### UNDATED

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gro red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45½ | 41½ | War Ln 3½% | 42 | + | 8.30 | |
| 32 | 29 | Treas 2½% | 29 | + | 8.37 | |
| 50 | 46 | Consols 4% | 47 | | 8.50 | |

### INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | 10% | 5% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 113 | 111 | Treas IL 4⅝% 1998 | 112 | + | 1.45 | 3.80 |
| 180 | 176 | Treas IL 2½% 2001 | 178 | + | 3.01 | 3.56 |
| 178 | 171 | Treas IL 2½% 2003 | 174 | + | 3.19 | 3.61 |
| 116 | 112 | Treas IL 4⅛% 2004 | 114 | + | 3.23 | 3.61 |
| 185 | 179 | Treas IL 2% 2006 | 182 | + | 3.34 | 3.64 |
| 167 | 161 | Treas IL 2½% 2009 | 164 | + | 3.43 | 3.68 |
| 173 | 165 | Treas IL 2½% 2011 | 169 | - | 3.48 | 3.70 |
| 141 | 136 | Treas IL 2½% 2013 | 139 | + | 3.53 | 3.72 |
| 152 | 145 | Treas IL 2½% 2016 | 148 | + | 3.57 | 3.75 |
| 146 | 138 | Treas IL 2½% 2020 | 142 | + | 3.61 | 3.77 |
| 122 | 115 | Treas IL 2½% 2024 | 118 | + | 3.60 | 3.74 |
| 120 | 113 | Treas IL 4⅛% 2030 | 116 | + | 3.60 | 3.75 |

(صحف عن الاردن)

# GEC wins race for submarine contracts

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE General Electric Company is to emerge from talks with Rolls-Royce as the prime contractor on a £2.5 billion to £3 billion order to build up to five nuclear-powered submarines for the Royal Navy.

The bid battle to build the second batch of *Trafalgar* class hunter-killer boats was won by a consortium embracing GEC-Marconi, GEC's defence subsidiary; Rolls-Royce and Associates, the nuclear engineer; and Amec, the offshore construction group.

But in spite of Ministry of Defence efforts to persuade Rolls to participate as a prime contractor, the company will leave GEC to take the risks on the fixed-price contract, and accept relegation to the role of sub-contractor. Under the original proposal, Rolls would have been responsible for the entire propulsion system, worth 35 per cent of the contract or up to £1.05 billion. But because of its reluctance to risk money in a non-core business, Rolls will be relegated to a much smaller role.

The steam-generating nuclear reactors for the boats will be built by Rolls, which has been Britain's leading nuclear plant engineer since the 1950s. Construction of the main turbines will almost inevitably switch to one of GEC's own subsidiaries, however.

But Rolls is using its leverage to press for a larger role than it has historically enjoyed on Britain's nuclear submarine programme. The company hopes to supply subsidiary turbines and other equipment to lift its workshare. The MoD is determined to ensure competitive bidding for all possible sub-systems in an effort to drive down prices.

Nonetheless Sir Ralph Robins, chairman of Rolls-Royce, said: "We will get a bigger share of the work than in the past." The GEC-Marconi consortium was chosen in preference to a rival offer from VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness yard that built Britain's Trident nuclear missile submarines, acquired by GEC last June. The final contract is likely to be placedin autumn.

Working with Amec, GEC-Marconi proposed a system of modular construction that offered big cost savings. Similar techniques are already used to build Swedish submarines.

Like Rolls-Royce, Amec will now have to bid against other would-be sub-contractors for much of the work on the boats. Amec had expected to fabricate hull sections at its Wallsend yard on the Tyne. But it will face competition from GEC's own VSEL yard, which has the huge Devonshire Dock Hall, purpose-built for the construction of nuclear submarines.

# Housing 'locked in long decline'

BY RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S construction industry is locked in a cyle of low investment, low productivity, inadequate training and a lack of innovation, according to a report published yesterday by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

The report finds that investment in new houses in the 1990s has fallen to its lowest level since the Second World War, and is far below that of other leading industrialised economies.

Professor Michael Ball, from the South Bank University, who has analysed the results of the three-year research programme, urged the Government to raise the level of investment in subsidised housing and to set more realistic national building targets.

The report found that investment in new housebuilding has, with the exception of a few short-lived surges, been falling for more than 35 years. Council and other publicly subsidised housebuilding has been drastically curtailed, but housebuilding in the private sector has also declined.

There is a shortage of skilled labour, with training of a lower standard in Britain than in the rest of Europe. The US and The Netherlands produce homes of equivalent quality at far less cost.

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Ron Zeghibe, Maiden's chief executive, who believes the company is "in pole position" to come to the market

# Maiden expects £65m flotation

BY FRASER NELSON

THE Maiden Group, Britain's second-largest outdoor poster advertising operator, is expected to be capitalised at around £65 million when its shares begin trading on the stock market.

The company, which owns 25,000 advertising panels across Britain, is raising funds to repay debts of around £37 million through a placing of shares sponsored by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

Directors are expected to retain a 60 per cent stake in the company and about 25 per cent will be placed with institutional investors. The share price has still to be announced.

Maiden has consistently outperformed the advertising sector since 1993, when the company, which had been owned by the same family since 1925, was the subject of a management buyout.

In 1994, operating profits rose 68 per cent to £3.3 million and increased again to £5.58 million in 1995. Revenue has increased from £21 million in 1993 to £36.5 million in 1995, assisted by the acquisition of 16 other advertising firms.

Assets have been improved by last year's £1.8 million acquisition of British Transport Advertising, securing exclusive advertising rights to Britain's railways and stations.

Ron Zeghibe, chief executive of Maiden, forecast a 54 per cent increase to £4 million in operating profits in the first half of the current year. "Traditionally, the second half of the year is even stronger," he said. "We are in pole position to come to the market."

Mr Zeghibe identified a possible reduction in advertising by tobacco companies as a threat to the business. However, he said that Maiden was better placed to withstand a downturn in the advertising sector than in 1991, when the recession resulted in losses of £2 million.

# Property group to raise £25m

BY CARL MORTISHED

CAPITAL and Regional Properties is raising £25 million to fund an expansion of its investment portfolio. The property group, which last month acquired Wood Green Shopping City, north London, for £33 million, is issuing £26 million in 6.75 per cent convertible subordinated unsecured loan stock by way of rights.

Shareholders can subscribe for £4 nominal of loan stock for every seven ordinary shares held. The stock is convertible into ordinary shares at the rate of 48.31 shares per £100 nominal from 1996 to 2015 at a conversion price of 207p. Capital and Regional shares were yesterday trading at 185p.

Last year, Capital and Regional spent £50 million acquiring properties and indicated it intended to continue to take advantage of a buyer's market. Since the Wood Green acquisition, borrowings have increased to £104 million and the rights issue — £1 million of which will cover costs — will be used to improve the maturity profile of the company's debt and initially will reduce net borrowings.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# French Connection to resume payouts

FRENCH CONNECTION, the fashion retailer, saw profits halved to £3.4 million from £6.86 million because of difficult trading conditions in Europe and America in 1995. However, the group said that after a break of five years, it intends to pay a dividend of 2p per share. David Bernstein, chairman, said the group had had a "reasonable start to the year". He described last year as "a setback". Turnover was static at £70.7 million, compared with £70.5 million.

In America, operating profits were down from £3.2 million to £1 million. French operations incurred a loss of £200,000. In the UK, wholesale profits were £1.7 million, compared with £2.4 million, while retail profits were down to £200,000 from £600,000. Earnings fell to 10p from 23.2p a share.

# Wolseley raising £64m

WOLSELEY, the plumbing materials group, is raising £64.4 million via a share placing to finance acquisitions. The company has spent £68 million on the purchase of 17 businesses during this financial year and continues to explore opportunities for acquisitions. A total of £58 million was spent on acquisitions in the previous year. Wolseley said 14.11 million new shares were being placed with institutions through SBC Warburg at 460p a share. Existing shares fell 6p to 470p.

# Cairn Energy expands

CAIRN ENERGY, the independent oil and gas company, lifted net income to £8.9 million from £5 million in 1995, completing a year of intense corporate activity. The company acquired Holland Sea Search Holdings for £17.9 million and a 10 per cent interest in the North Sea Gryphon field for £35.8 million and sold its holding in CEUSA for £13.7 million. Average production rose to 5,843 barrels of oil equivalent per day from 4,927 boepd. There is again no dividend.

# AIM hits target early

THE Alternative Investment Market for smaller companies has exceeded its initial target, of attracting 140 companies within its first year, nearly two months ahead of schedule, the London Stock Exchange said yesterday. Launched in June 1995, AIM has seen more than two billion shares traded, equating to more than £692 million. AIM companies have raised £243 million of new capital. The number of market-makers trading in AIM shares has risen to nine from three.

# WEW incurs £3.4m loss

WEW GROUP, the discount retailer, is again passing the interim dividend after incurring losses of £3.45 million before tax in the 26 weeks to February 3, compared with profits of £5.81 million in the first half of the previous year. Losses were 2.44p a share, against earnings of 2.41p. Turnover fell 7 per cent to £67.5 million and was 14 per cent lower on a like-for-like basis. The decline in turnover has been arrested and the second half is expected to produce a modest pre-tax profit.

# ERA dividends resume

ERA GROUP, the retailer and distributor whose subsidiaries include Beatties model and hobby shops, is resuming dividends in spite of a fall in pre-tax profits to £1 million in 1995 from £1.3 million in the previous year. Earnings were 0.44p a share, down from 0.62p. The company said results were affected by lack of consumer confidence, exacerbated by hot weather in the summer and early autumn. Trading has made a strong start this year. The final dividend is 0.1p a share.

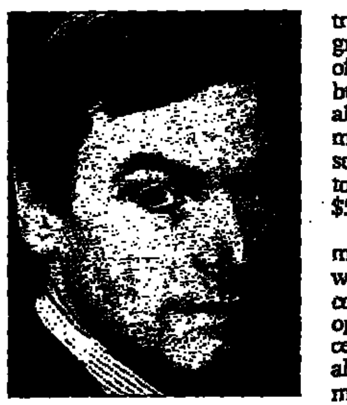
# City favours Albert Fisher move to shed loss-maker

BY SARAH BAGNALL

ALBERT FISHER saw its shares edge higher yesterday in spite of news of a £42.8 million restructuring that pushed the food-processing and distribution group into the red in the six months to February 29.

The shares rose 2½p to 48½p. City analysts reacted favourably to the news of the restructuring, arguing it would unlock value for shareholders and ensure future earnings growth.

The exceptional charge turned a pre-tax profit of £12.6 million into a loss of £24 million. The charge covers the cost of withdrawal from its wholesale produce business in Germany, which has been loss-making for the past two years.



Stephen Walls: US talks

Stephen Walls, chairman, said the closure had been prompted by a structural change in the market, which had reduced food retailers' requirement for external distributors. He also said the group was in talks to dispose of mosat of its US distribution business, which has an annual turnover of about £400 million. It is expected to be sold at a substantial premium to the net book value of about $55 million.

The underlying performance of the group was welcomed by the City. The continuing operations lifted operating profits by 33 per cent to £27.8 million on sales ahead 15 per cent at £778 million. The group's European fresh produce, European food processing, seafood and North American produce devisions each managed to lift profits. The dividend, due July 10, is maintained at 1.85p. Underlying earnings per share fell from 1.93p to 1.87p.

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Hearings will be held (1) in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands commencing on 27 May 1996; and (2) in the High Court in London commencing on 4 June 1996 at which orders will be sought binding all scheme members to a settlement of litigation in the Cayman Islands and England and of other matters relating to the Trusts.

The main issues in the litigation, to which some of the scheme members are parties, concern the validity of the Trusts and alleged breaches of trust by the principal BCCI and ICIC Companies in particular in relation to a subvention payment of US$150 million made in 1986. The proposed settlement is conditional on the Courts making Orders binding all scheme members to its terms whether or not they are parties to the litigation. Certain scheme members have been appointed by the Courts to represent the interests of all scheme members who are not themselves parties to the litigation.

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The principal terms of the proposed settlement are:

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### LEGAL NOTICES

KITE INTERNATIONAL
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Company number: 1460538
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS
OF KITE
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On the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL by 24 May 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 16 April 1996.
AV Lomas, Liquidator.

JENAJAN LIMITED
(In Creditors
Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that L J. J. Schapira, ACA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 16th April 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated this 16th April 1996.
L.J. SCHAPIRA, ACA, Liquidator

No. 00 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
PROSPECT INDUSTRIES PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28 March 1996 presented to her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the Company from £19,900,000 to £3,980,000 and the cancellation of the Share Premium Account and of the Capital Redemption Reserve of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Companies Court Registrar sitting at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 1st day of May 1996 at 10.30 O'clock in the forenoon.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the reduction of share capital and the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account and Capital Redemption Reserve should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 19th day
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Tel: 0113 244 5000
Ref: NSW.AW.096.0204.0
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

VALUE LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS'
VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 529294

NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 4 April 1996 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Phillip Rodney Sykes and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.

The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Phillip Rodney Sykes of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT by 4 June 1996.

The Joint Liquidators also give notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 4 July 1996 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 4 June 1996 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Date: 16 April 1996.
PHILLIP RODNEY SYKES
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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NOTICE is further given that Andrew White of Moores Rowland, Nile House, PO Box 1041, Nile Street, Brighton, BN1 1LA a qualified Insolvency Practitioner, will furnish free of charge creditors, whose claims have been lodged in writing to that address, with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED this 11 day of April 1996
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(Oliver Richard Moore) Director

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Business is on the move: **David Crawford** looks at the relocation industry and **Craig Seton** examines the economic regeneration of Britain

# Where to park your business

We want to export yashmaks — traditional headgear — to the Middle East: let's make them in Greater Manchester. That was the thinking of Sutton Vale plc, a Saudi-owned company. It recognised what Andrew Fraser, chief executive of the Government's Invest in Britain Bureau, calls the "fundamental advantages" of the UK as a location.

Competitive land prices and a skilled workforce are key factors cited by manufacturers such as Sutton Vale. For the fast-expanding international call centres it is the indigenous telecoms infrastructure and language capabilities that count; while for international banking and other invisibles it is what Mr Fraser regards as the "stature" of the City as well as of Britain's financial, legal and other services.

With nearly 4,000 American companies, 1,000 from Germany, and more than 1,200 from France now sited in the UK and producing some 40 per cent of our exports and 24 per cent of net output, Britain is proving attractive to new inward investors from South-East Asian economies.

Taiwanese cathode-ray tube manufacturer Chunghwa Picture Tube's £260 million investment at Mossend in Strathclyde was won against strong competition from mainland Europe. It will create 3,300 jobs in a former steel area when completed in the year 2000 — more than any previous inward investment in UK history.

But looking after established investors is equally important, says Mr Fraser. He estimates that 60 per cent of future new investment will be from companies already operating in the UK or, just as significantly, their suppliers.

A prime example of this latter growth phenomenon is the decision in March by three Korean electrical engineering concerns, Poong Jeon, Fine Electromechanics and Sun Kwang Electromechanics, to set up in South Yorkshire's Dearne Valley Enterprise Zone, which was established last November. This is the first time so many companies from the same overseas country have simultaneously located at a single British site.

Come on in, the water's lovely: Sherwood Park, a new business park sited in an enterprise zone next to the M1 in Nottinghamshire, where going to work is a pleasure

Even one of the less obvious UK regions for manufacturing investment, Devon and Cornwall, has recently succeeded in attracting some high-profile inward investors, including Finnish laboratory goods producer Biohit and New York-based linear motion systems specialist Thomson Industries. Biohit first entered the UK with a sales office in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in 1992 and will now export its pipettes direct from Paignton to Africa, the Middle East and the Indian sub-continent, as well as developing more local markets for its product.

The geographical spread of inward investments emphasises the fact that, for overseas companies, the key choice is typically between national economies, with the precise regional location often a secondary consideration.

A key niche market, for example, is for call centres, which provide customer support in fields such as banking, software, travel and tourism. Among recent additions to the UK's 5,000 companies offering telemarketing services is the Atlanta-based United Parcel Service, which has opened a customer-service telephone centre in Nottingham as part of an £800 million European development programme.

Domestic relocations, by contrast, are proving much more location-specific. UK companies are reflecting what Jones Lang Wootton, who have monitored decentralisation trends since 1979, expect to be continuing uncertainty over "the future competitiveness of both manufacturing and service industries".

The post-recession reduction in property cost differentials between London and the regions has reduced the need to move long distances. More than 80 per cent of major moves out of Central London between 1995 and 1997 will involve relocating to other areas of Greater London and the South East, generally to purpose-designed accommodation or pre-lets in the case of larger organisations.

Motivated partly by social policy considerations, the public sector continues to display the most active commitment to regionalisation — often at the expense of fringe Central London districts such as Victoria and Southwark — with nearly three quarters of all its moves directed to locations outside the South East.

The South West has proved particularly popular, as it has with financial and professional services. The region scores because of its environmental attractions and accessibility to centres such as Swindon, Bristol and even Cardiff.

All this means more specialised work for the relocation consultants, whose trade body, the Association of Relocation Agents, marks its tenth anniversary in May, a sign of maturity for this relatively new business-support service.

# Why multinationals feel at home in the country

The billions of pounds of inward investment into England over the past decade can largely be attributed to an infrastructure of national, regional and local agencies involved in economic regeneration, *Craig Seton writes.*

Government-sponsored regional development organisations and the national agencies — English Partnerships and the Commission for the New Towns — play vital roles in attracting overseas investment to advantageous locations and, increasingly, in the decisions by foreign firms to reinvest in existing operations.

Working with urban development corporations, local authorities, government departments and others involved in economic development, and backed by incentive packages, they have reaped rich rewards.

English Partnerships has played an important part in the £450 million multi-product complex in Cleveland, Teesside, by Korean firm Samsung Electronics, as well as in Ford's choice of Birmingham for the production of a new Jaguar X200 model, and in the announcement by Siemens that North Tyneside would be the site for a £1.1 billion microchip plant employing 1,800.

The English Partnerships' remit is to reclaim and develop vacant, derelict and under-used sites for inward investment. It acts as an enabler to forge public and private-sector partnerships. One of its key schemes is a venture with Kodak at Sherwood Park, a new business park in an enterprise zone adjacent to the M1 in Nottinghamshire.

The Commission for the New Towns is responsible for disposing of the assets of the former development corporations in 21 English new towns. It owns and manages 16,000 acres of land for industrial and residential development and 6 million sq ft of industrial and commercial premises, together worth £1.2 billion.

It owns some of the largest strategic development sites in England, including the 470-acre Omega site in Warrington, Cheshire. Its property portfolio in Telford, Shropshire, the centre for more than 130 overseas firms, is the biggest in one location in the West Midlands.

Europe and the United States own the majority of 1,300 overseas firms in the North West, with more recent arrivals from Japan and Taiwan. INWARD, the regional development organisation, and The Mersey Partnership, a marketing agency for the sub-region, are two of the main economic drivers in an industrialised region where firms such as Kodak, Siemens and Vauxhall have made significant reinvestment decisions.

Repeat investment has also become a key factor for economic regeneration in the West Midlands: it is estimated that more than half of the record £1.25 billion of overseas money ploughed into the region in the last full year was repeat investment.

Fujitsu Fulcrum Telecommunication's decision to stay in Birmingham on a new site at Arlington's Birmingham Business Park, and Jaguar's plans to expand its Castle Bromwich plant are crucial in a part of England where foreign investment has restored thousands of jobs lost in traditional industries.

As reinvestment becomes more common, there are moves to ensure it continues. The Northern Development Company for the North East, INWARD, the West Midlands Development Agency and others have created "aftercare" services to encourage expansion among inward investment companies. The Invest in Britain Bureau, the national Government-backed agency, is also helping reinvestment in the regions.

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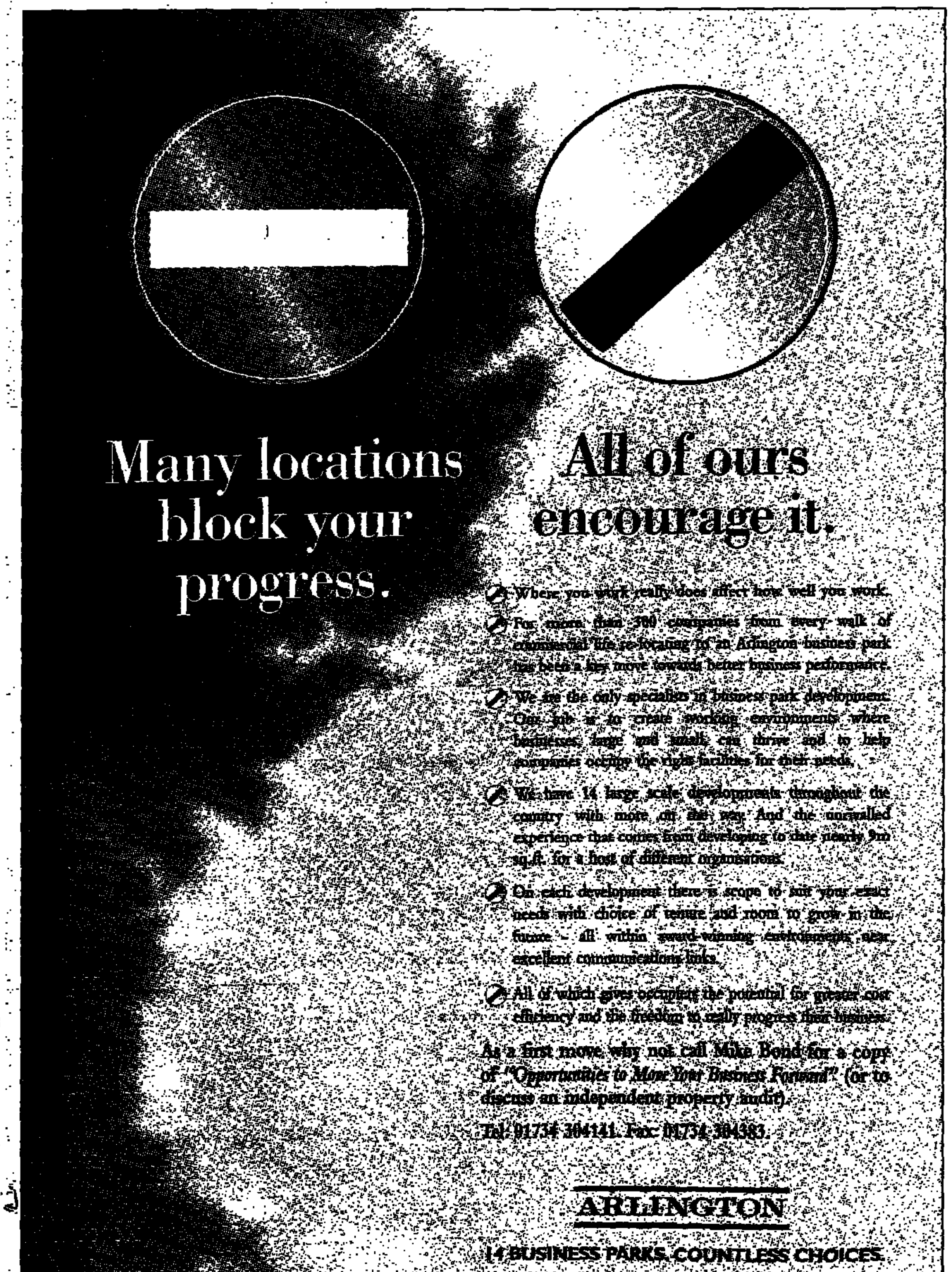

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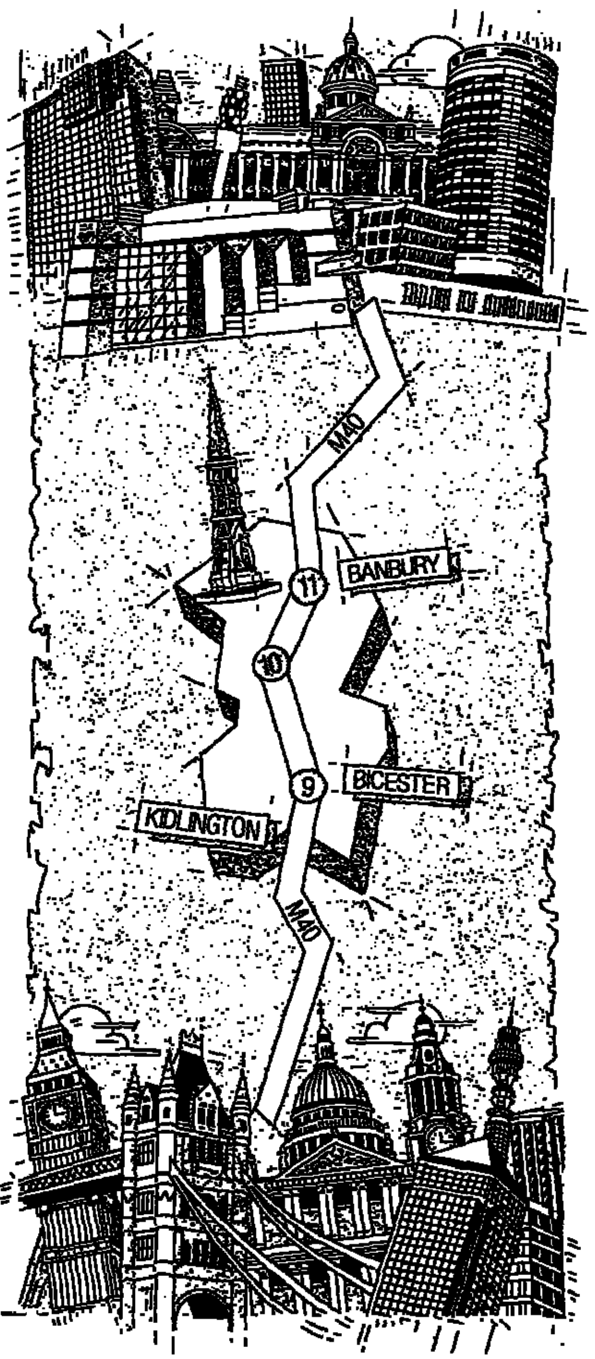

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# Switched on for a far brighter future

## WALES

Ten thousand new jobs were created in Wales in 1995-96 as overseas companies invested more than £500 million in the principality, *Iola Smith writes.* These figures are 50 per cent up on 1994-95, indicating that Wales is back in a dominant position in the relocation stakes.

"This was the high point of the decade so far," says James Turner, head of Inward Investment at the Welsh Development Agency (WDA). "We made breakthroughs in new markets and saw many resident companies embarking on major expansions."

One of those new markets is Korea. In February Wales welcomed the Korean-owned company Halla which unveiled a £17 million investment that will create 300 new jobs in Merthyr Tydfil. The company will produce forklift trucks, mechanical diggers and other earthmoving equipment for the European market.

David Rowe-Beddoe, WDA chairman, says the investment is good news for Wales as a whole. "The company wants to source as many components as possible locally. That means there will be a substantial number of additional jobs created indirectly at companies which will supply the Merthyr plant."

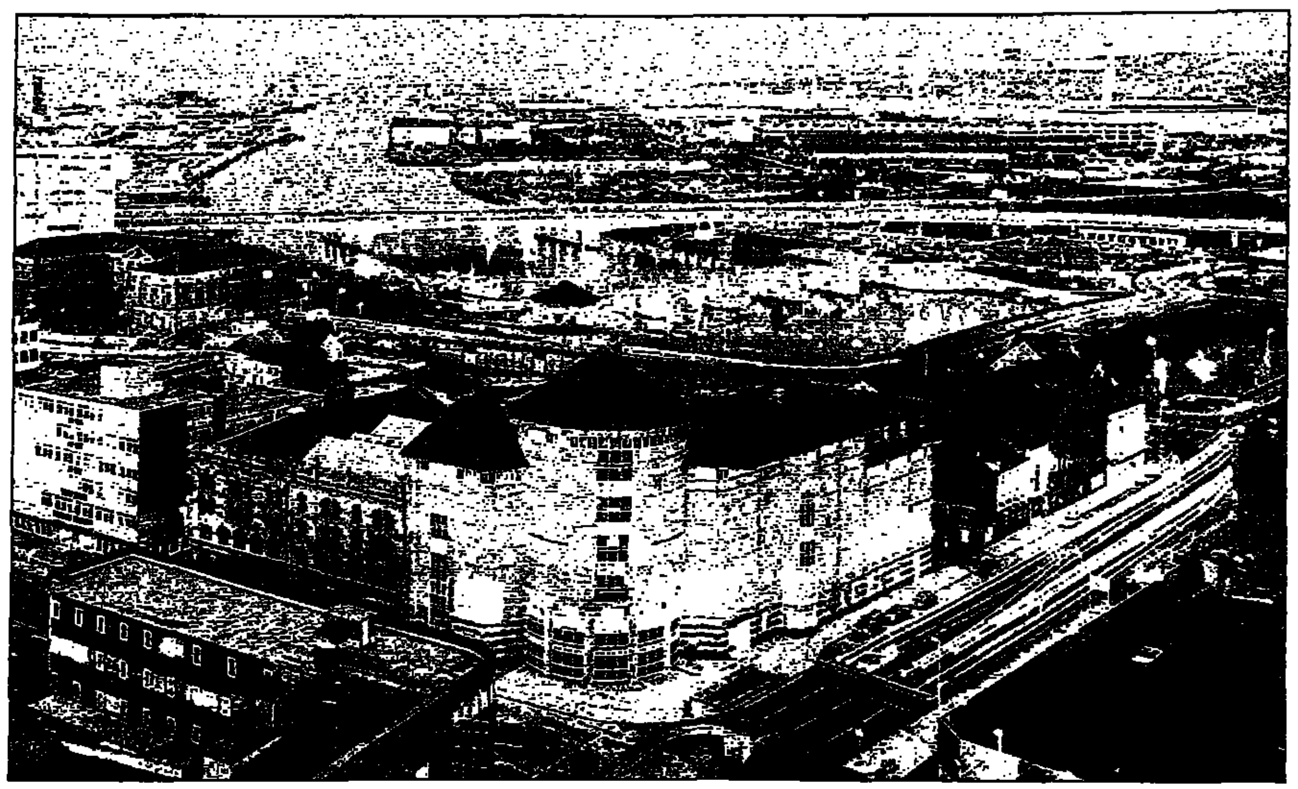
The principality is currently being considered as a business location by Lucky Goldstar, the Korean electronics company. The firm is seeking to construct a semi-conductor plant in Europe, and if Wales wins the multi-million pound investment it will obtain 3,000 new jobs.

Europe's leading producer of silicon wafers is already in residence and last month the company, Waferfab of Newport, owned by the Hong Kong firm QPL International Holdings, launched a £230 million expansion programme.

Microchip manufacturing equipment is also produced in Newport by the Japanese-owned Sumitomo Corporation. Back in February it announced a £5 million expansion which will create 100 jobs.

Earlier in the year Mid Wales welcomed its first direct Japanese investment. Plastics manufacturer Shimizu of Nagoya moved to Newtown to make automotive components. The £5 million investment creating 45 jobs is a breakthrough for rural areas, which are now being increasingly recognised as viable locations for inward investors.

Companies from the rest of the UK, particularly in the financial services sector, are also relocating to Wales. South Wales's Financial Services Initiative intends to create 10,000 jobs by the millennium. Last month alone more than 500 jobs were announced as organisations as diverse as insurance companies and the Bank of England moved in.



Belfast at dusk: a £130 million job-boosting development is under way beside the River Lagan in the city centre

## NORTHERN IRELAND

The momentum of change which quickened in Northern Ireland during the terrorist ceasefire continues undaunted, *Ronald Faux writes.* The province is pushing ahead with schemes to create new jobs, a strong economy and an attractive environment as weapons against the threatened return to a so-called "armed struggle".

A symbol of this absolute determination to achieve physical and economic renewal that could do much to heal historic divisions is the £130 million development under way beside the River Lagan in central Belfast.

Helped by funding from Europe, the 15 acres at Lagan are being transformed by the Laganside Corporation from being a home to the city's markets into a prestigious centre for commerce and leisure.

A £29 million waterfront concert hall and conference centre seating 2,250 is scheduled to open next January. Adjoining it will be a £19-million Hilton International hotel scheduled to open in the spring of 1998.

Barry Gilligan, chief executive of Ewart, the property investment and development company of which the Laganbank Development Company is a subsidiary, said: "We are very, very positive about this project and will continue to be so. A number of the commitments to Belfast were made by companies long before the ceasefire and significant interest has been expressed in the past six to 12 months. We do not see that there is a problem."

The construction of the £14-million Lagan Weir sealed a permanent stretch of waterway beside the city centre in place of the mudbanks and river that alternated with the tide. Riverside walkways are now designed to stretch from the Belfast harbour area to the Lagan Valley regional park. The impact of improvement is already attracting fresh inward investment.

## LONDON

London United — the London First Centre's new umbrella initiative — aims to take advantage of the capital's increasingly diversifying local economies, *David Crawford writes.*

Martyn Lewis, LFC director of London Business Services, says: "The better local areas are organised to receive inward investment, and to recognise investors' needs, the better London as a whole will perform in the international arena."

London United aims to coordinate the efforts of the capital's "stakeholders" — the boroughs, chambers of commerce and training and enterprise councils, the DTI's new Business Link and successful ventures such as the Hounslow Initiative and the Park Royal Partnership.

When Lloyd's Register of Shipping looked like relocating out of the City, LFC brought in the City Corporation to negotiate a development deal under which LRS is building a new 260,000 sq ft HQ in Fenchurch Street, safeguarding 1,200 existing jobs and creating 400 new ones.

Of the 33 companies the London First Centre has relocated to the capital since its establishment in April 1994, eight have gone to the western "wedge" along the strategic corridor between the Docklands/City/West End core and Heathrow airport.

The most significant investment to date is by the Korean conglomerate Samsung, which is abandoning Frankfurt to build a 100,000 sq ft European HQ and staff training complex on a nine-acre site on the Great West Road in Hounslow and will employ at least 500 people when this is completed in 2000.

Another welcome boost has come from the opening in January of Delta Airlines' new £20 million European Reservation Sales Centre at Park Royal, London's largest business park with more than 17 million sq ft of commercial space on 1,500 acres.

## SCOTLAND

Scotland has long had an inward investment organisation which other regions of the UK have reason to envy. Last year it attracted £1.127 billion and helped to create or safeguard a record 12,329 jobs, *Ronald Faux writes.*

Heading the list of 97 projects was the £260-million Chunghwa Picture Tubes plant at Mossend, Lanarkshire, which will bring work for 3,300 and represents the biggest single inward investment project in UK history coming to a community devastated by the closure of the Ravenscraig steel works.

George Kynoch, Scottish Office industry minister, said the scale and significance of the plant, which would serve the whole European market, were such that it would bring major benefits not just to Lanarkshire but the Scottish and UK economies.

Securing the Taiwanese company was a major success for Locate in Scotland (LIS), operated jointly between the Scottish Office and Scottish Enterprise, to market Scotland abroad. It has led Scotland away from the labour-intensive heavy industry that made Clydeside the workshop of the Empire into a strong position as a European springboard for the new technologies of the second industrial revolution.

Further investments, not handled by LIS, accounted for a further 33 projects involving 2,738 jobs safeguarded or created. For example, Shin-Etsu Handotai Europe, the world's largest producer of silicon wafers, announced a £160 million investment programme in Livingston, West Lothian; Lexmark International of Lexington, Kentucky, chose Rosyth for a £26 million facility to manufacture ink cartridges for computer printers, and expansion of the Motorola plant near Bathgate, making cellular telephones, will create a further 500 jobs.

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# Out with steel, in with freight

## Corby's new Eurohub terminal is well placed to exploit the Channel Tunnel, reports **Craig Seton**

A bold new dimension has been added to the growing diversity of Corby's economic base with the opening of Eurohub, a 300-acre international road and rail freight delivery, distribution and collection complex with direct railway connections to the Channel Tunnel.

The new centre occupies the former steelworks site in the Northamptonshire town. The site was closed in 1979 by British Steel, and the massive job losses that ensued inspired a home-spun campaign of industrial rejuvenation. This has attracted 750 companies and about £1.1 billion of private sector investment, created 14,000 jobs and restored Corby as a powerful economic base. Eurohub is the latest product of the strategy.

The first of the terminal's new occupants, Gefco UK, a specialist distribution company within the PSA Peugeot Citroën Group, has started importing cars through the Channel Tunnel and officially opens its facility today. Autolink, a joint venture between the vehicle distribution and logistics companies, Walon UK and French-owned STVA, is soon to begin.

Eurohub took seven years to plan and prepare, and has involved a partnership between Corby borough council, King's Park Developments of Solihull, and British Steel, which retains a tube-making operation in the town. An estimated 2,000 jobs could be supported once the complex is fully occupied.

Eurohub was designed to capitalise on the vast tract of brownfield land left from steelmaking, together with its array of rail sidings and a spur line, which is still in use by British Steel, to the connection to the Channel Tunnel. Another key advantage is the town's central location between the M1 motorway and A1 arterial route. These are intersected by the new A14 east-west carriageway near Corby.

> 'Our depth of crisis meant radical measures were needed'

About 150 acres of land on the site are still available for further development. Hopes are high that large manufacturers may be attracted by the proximity of the dedicated distribution facilities, according to John Hill, Corby's director of industry and head of the council-funded Industrial Development Centre that was set up in the 1980s to halt the progress of the town's economic decline.

Mr Hill says that once the steelworks — Corby's largest employer — had gone, the town immediately sought innovative ways to create new jobs in a diverse range of industrial and commercial sectors. "It was the depth of the crisis Corby faced that made people decide that really radical measures were needed."

The main aim was to attract inward investors and, once they had arrived, to help them to grow. The campaign has to date achieved remarkable results. Some of the firms that began operations in the 1980s are now in their second, third and even fourth stages of reinvestment.

Mr Hill points out that while Corby continues to operate a simplified planning regime to ease the progress of new developments, the success of its revival over the years has meant the loss of other grants and aid packages that were previously available through having assisted-area and enterprise-zone status.

The town now has to go it alone in the important phase of economic development that Eurohub represents. The target is to help Corby to grow by 20 per cent in new jobs, population and social provision by the year 2006.

Mr Hill says that Corby has created for itself an "ethos of development", and describes Eurohub as an important indicator to potential inward investors that Corby can produce fresh ideas for economic development. "We are providing something now that is an extra dimension to the Corby economy, something that sets us out as a rare place for business to thrive."

From brownfield site to European transport hub. Corby has capitalised on its assets

# On the right track for the Continent

The first scheduled import-export car-carrying services begin through the Channel Tunnel today, and they are headed for Corby, *writes Craig Seton.*

A 62-acre regional distribution centre being officially opened today on Corby's Eurohub site by Gefco UK will act as a railhead to import Peugeot and Citroën cars into the Midlands via the tunnel.

The opening of the £12.5 million facility marks the start of scheduled services through the tunnel by car-carrying trains. These will be up to 24 wagons long and will access Gefco's site through a rail link from Corby to the main London to East Midlands railway line.

Gefco has space to store up to 10,000 cars. Vehicles are logged on to a computerised stock-management system and, after pre-inspection, they are sent out by transporters for delivery to dealerships in the Midlands.

New marshalling yards at the facility are the first private tracks to be added to the stock of Railtrack, which has also provided dedicated signalling for the Eurohub development.

Gefco eventually plans to use the centre for exporting to the Continent Peugeot cars made in Coventry.

Jacques Pietrzak, manager of Gefco UK's automotive logistics division, says: "Our Corby facility is an essential element in the overall vehicle storage and distribution strategy we are developing for the Peugeot Motor Company and Citroën UK."

A second large railhead terminal for vehicle distribution at Eurohub is the result of a joint venture between Walon UK and STVA of France, a vehicle logistics group closely linked with SNCF, the French national railway company. The 43-acre site has space for up to 10,000 vehicles and other land available for expansion.

Autolink, the joint-venture company, plans to construct a purpose-built centre for the pre-delivery inspection and preparation of vehicles ready for dealers' forecourts. Due to start operations soon, the computerised terminal will use the Channel Tunnel rail link to import and export cars.

Walon is part of the French-owned Walon Group, which operates in ten countries as an automotive distribution and logistics company with a fleet of 1,800 transporters.

In a pilot operation in February, a train arrived at the site via the Channel Tunnel carrying 180 cars direct from the Fiat factory in Turin, northern Italy. The journey, which took 36 hours, usually takes up to seven days by sea.

Walon is negotiating with several large European car manufacturers with a view to them using the Corby site for vehicle deliveries throughout the UK. Tim Barber, Walon's UK commercial director, says: "Autolink is ideal for exporting or importing on a just-in-time basis, in line with the pan-European logistics strategies of car manufacturers."

Wincanton Distribution, a subsidiary of Unigate, is investing £16 million in facilities at Eurohub, including a 250,000 sq ft complex for the distribution of pet foods to the national and international markets under a contract with Mars GB.

## CORBY: REAPING THE REWARDS OF EXPANSION

HAVING learnt that dependence on one manufacturer carries enormous risks, Corby now has a healthy mix of industrial and commercial activity, including food production, plastic packaging, electrical components, printing, textiles and engineering.

More than 11,000 jobs were lost when British Steel closed its operation and, while tube-making remains, another local firm has taken over as the largest employer. RS Components, with a workforce of more than 2,000, is Europe's largest distributor of electrical and electronic components.

Weetabix, Golden Wonder, Oxford University Press, ABR Foods, Avon Cosmetics, Astra Pharmaceuticals, Ranks Hovis McDougall and Willett International are also based locally. About 40 of Corby's companies are from overseas, including Japan, the United States and Germany.

Today two thirds of the workforce is employed in manufacturing industry, three times the national average. Unemployment at 6 per cent is also below the national figure and a far cry from the grim days following the steel industry's decline in 1979 when the number of men without jobs reached 35 per cent.

Corby has had a simplified planning zone since 1988. The designation covers about 450 acres of prime development land where planning consent for certain industrial and commercial projects is effectively automatic.

There are about 1,500 acres of land for economic development, the majority controlled either by the borough council or British Steel. Facilities include prepared and serviced sites, and offices, business and warehouse units.

The Commission for the New Towns is marketing industrial land for about £75,000 an acre. Ron Jamieson, deputy regional director, says businesses appreciate the advantages of Corby as a business location. "We believe the bulk of new business will come through expanding local occupiers and from regional firms that appreciate the competitive land prices in the town."

Corby's population of about 55,000 is scheduled to grow by about a fifth over the next decade.

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IN THE PAST 12 years 800 new companies have chosen to come to Corby, over 500 of them to engage in manufacture. 200 have since chosen to expand in Corby. In the same period more than 50 companies from 16 overseas countries - the highest proportion in the UK - have chosen Corby for their European base. In the past 12 years private investment in Corby has topped £1,000 million. Eight hundred companies chose Corby for its location at the heart of England, for its easy outreach to the UK, mainland Europe and the world via motorways, railway and international airports. They chose Corby for its unrivalled options on land, factories, business parks and office developments. They also chose Corby for its ability to anticipate their requirements and have them in place when they were needed.

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| Worldwide Growth | 76.59 | 81.48† | - 0.16 | 0.10 |
| OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Deposit Fund | 91.63 | 91.63† | - 0.01 | 5.29 |
| Homeowner Fund | 92.95 | 98.88 | - 0.01 | 1.53 |
| Quilter Fund | 156.02 | 165.98 | + 0.66 | 1.88 |
| **CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Consistent UT | 36.45 | 39.02 | - 0.61 | 5.18 |
| **COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 526 358 | | | | |
| Growth | 183.20 | 194.90 | - 6.20 | 1.57 |
| Income | 72.00 | 76.62 | + 0.34 | 4.90 |
| European | 73.52 | 79.21 | + 0.19 | 0.58 |
| Property | 180.10 | 191.60† | - 1.02 | 1.03 |
| **CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 280 9434 | | | | |
| Equity Dist | 950.70 | 975.90 | | 2.47 |
| **CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD** | | | | |
| 01277 [illegible] | | | | |
| [illegible] | 107.52 | [illegible] | - 0.50 | [illegible] |
| Income # | 261.20 | 270.50† | - 1.00 | 3.93 |
| -do- Accum # | [illegible] | 284.70 | - 1.50 | 3.79 |
| Smaller Cos | 120.60 | 144.50 | + 1.60 | [illegible] |
| -do- Accum | 284.20 | 302.40 | + 1.20 | 0.94 |
| UK Portfolio | 101.70 | 107.50 | - 0.50 | 1.56 |
| High Inc Port # | 82.96 | 87.20 | - 0.10 | 4.28 |
| **DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 410 0777 | | | | |
| Euro Small Cos | 1581.60 | 1708.66 | - 5.30 | |
| Japan Small Cos | 1254.60 | 1401.70 | + 21.00 | |
| UK Small Cos | 2140.50 | 2251.60 | + 49.60 | 2.77 |
| US Small Cos | 2109.80 | 2162.50 | + 24.50 | 0.75 |
| **DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS** | | | | |
| 0171 377 8819 | | | | |
| [illegible] | 227.02 | 253.50 | | 3.05 |
| For Dunedin see [illegible] | | | | |
| **EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01242 577 555 | | | | |
| UK Balanced Inc | 167.00 | 177.60 | - 0.60 | 1.57 |
| UK High Inc Inc | 174.90 | 186.00 | - 0.70 | 2.67 |
| -do- Accum | 231.30 | 246.50 | - 0.82 | 2.67 |
| UK Prefs & FI Inc | 58.62 | 61.72 | - 0.23 | 5.99 |
| Environmental Opps | 99.64 | 106.00† | - 0.10 | 0.94 |
| UK Smllr Cos # | 67.75 | 72.49 | - 0.47 | 0.90 |
| Extra Income Inc | 47.29 | 50.31 | - 0.18 | 8.71 |
| **EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 090 528 | | | | |
| American | 176.10 | 186.80 | 1.60 | 0.42 |
| Convertible Inc # | 23.04 | 24.49† | - 0.07 | 5.72 |
| Equity Income # | 143.70 | 152.70† | - 0.40 | 3.95 |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq 0171 330 8600 Dealing 0345 775511 | | | | |
| American Growth | 79.22 | 84.33† | - 0.56 | ... |
| -do- Accum | 79.22 | 84.33† | - 0.56 | |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 677.50 | 725.00 | + 1.40 | . |
| -do- Accum | 692.50 | 741.60 | + 1.30 | . |
| Capital Tst | 384.00 | 408.50† | + 1.90 | 1.21 |
| -do- Accum | 560.90 | 596.70† | + 2.80 | 1.21 |
| Contl Smllr Cos | 65.62 | 70.02 | - 0.08 | 0.75 |
| -do- Accum | 69.24 | 73.88 | - 0.10 | 0.75 |
| Convertible | 143.20 | 152.30 | + 0.50 | 5.08 |
| -do- Accum | 304.00 | 323.40 | + 1.20 | 5.08 |
| Emerging Markets | 72.47 | 77.43 | - 0.05 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 72.73 | 77.70 | - 0.05 | . |
| European | 144.70 | 153.40 | + 0.50 | 0.38 |
| -do- Accum | 152.20 | 161.90 | + 0.50 | 0.38 |
| Extra Income | 379.90 | 404.10 | + 0.70 | 3.76 |
| -do- Accum | 591.30 | 628.90 | + 1.00 | 3.76 |
| Financial | 161.00 | 171.30† | - 0.20 | 0.41 |
| -do- Accum | 171.20 | 182.10† | - 0.20 | 0.41 |
| Gilt Trust | 62.72 | 64.67† | + 0.10 | 6.77 |
| -do- Accum | 94.79 | 97.74† | + 0.15 | 6.77 |
| Health Fund Inc | 277.80 | 296.80 | + 0.40 | |
| -do- Accum | 277.80 | 296.80 | + 0.40 | |
| Income & Growth | 230.10 | 244.80 | + 0.40 | 3.19 |
| -do- Accum | 359.70 | 382.70 | + 0.90 | 3.19 |
| Intl Growth | 443.20 | 472.60† | - 1.80 | . |
| -do- Accum | 492.10 | 524.70† | - 2.10 | . |
| Japan & Gen | 191.30 | 203.30† | + 0.30 | |
| -do- Accum | 193.20 | 205.30 | + 0.30 | ... |
| Monthly Inc # | 190.90 | 203.10† | + 0.10 | 4.58 |
| Managed Port Inc | 122.10 | 128.50† | + 0.20 | 1.63 |
| -do- Accum | 132.50 | 139.50† | + 0.20 | 1.63 |
| Quarterly Income # | 57.44 | 61.58 | + 0.29 | 4.32 |
| -do- Accum # | 64.26 | 68.89 | + 0.32 | 4.32 |
| Recovery | 372.80 | 398.70 | - 0.80 | 0.06 |
| -do- Accum | 440.10 | 470.70 | - 1.00 | 0.06 |
| UK Growth | 66.35 | 70.58 | + 0.27 | 2.07 |
| -do- Accum | 70.31 | 74.80 | + 0.29 | 2.07 |
| **FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340 | | | | |
| FP American | 59.84 | 63.65 | - 0.65 | 0.36 |
| FP Am Smllr Cos | 203.30 | 217.40 | - 0.90 | . |
| FP Asian Growth | 302.10 | 323.10 | - 3.20 | . |
| FP Australian | 418.20 | 448.70 | - 3.80 | . |
| FP Equity Dist | 451.80 | 480.60 | + 1.00 | 2.47 |
| -do- Accum | 979.50 | £10.42 | + 2.00 | 2.47 |
| FP Euro Gth | 272.90 | 290.30† | - 0.90 | 0.22 |
| -do- Accum | 298.50 | 317.50 | - 1.00 | 0.22 |
| FP Intl Bond | 60.66 | 64.19 | - 0.12 | 4.84 |
| FP Intl Gth Dist | 39.14 | 41.77 | - 0.19 | 0.36 |
| -do- Accum | 57.15 | 60.99 | - 0.28 | 0.36 |
| FP Pac Basin Acc | 235.30 | 251.50 | - 1.40 | |
| FP Income # | 59.94 | 63.93 | + 0.05 | 4.89 |
| -do- Accum # | 202.60 | 216.10 | + 0.30 | 4.89 |
| FP Jap Smllr Cos | 324.50 | 346.10 | | |
| FP Monthly Dist # | 75.59 | 80.87† | - 0.01 | 5.66 |
| FP Stlg Deposit | 100.30 | 100.30† | | 5.35 |
| FP Tokyo | 89.81 | 95.79 | - 0.13 | |
| FP UK Focus | 42.09 | 45.25† | + 0.16 | 2.50 |
| FP UK Growth | 195.60 | 208.60 | + 0.60 | 2.47 |
| -do- Accum | 388.20 | 414.00 | + 1.10 | 2.47 |
| Stewardship Dist | 420.50 | 447.30 | + 2.70 | 1.69 |
| -do- Accum | 523.40 | 556.80 | + 3.40 | 1.69 |
| Stewdshp Inc Dist # | 82.14 | 87.38 | + 0.48 | 4.67 |
| -do- Accum # | 110.30 | 117.30 | + 0.70 | 4.67 |
| N Am Stshp Dist | 124.10 | 132.00 | - 0.50 | 0.67 |
| -do- Accum | 133.10 | 141.50 | - 0.60 | 0.67 |
| FP Managed Portfolio Service | | | | |
| Capital Gwth Acc | 128.30 | 136.40 | + 0.10 | 1.21 |
| Open Cap Gth Acc | 132.80 | 141.20 | + 0.40 | 0.16 |
| Cap Gth Inc Inc # | 120.60 | 128.20 | + 0.20 | 2.48 |
| Cap Gth Inc Acc # | 126.10 | 134.10 | + 0.20 | 2.46 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic # | 122.00 | 129.70 | + 0.20 | 3.44 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac # | 128.30 | 136.40 | + 0.20 | 3.44 |
| **GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 581 1067 | | | | |
| GANDA | 288.00 | 304.60 | + 1.10 | 2.02 |
| Cash | 49.67 | 50.42 | + 0.01 | 5.26 |
| Growth Portfolio | 91.86 | 97.37 | + 0.16 | 0.84 |
| Income Portfolio | 71.28 | 75.37 | - 0.07 | 4.08 |
| **GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 236 6441 | | | | |
| Special Sits | 235.40 | 251.80 | - 0.50 | 1.25 |
| Dividend | 96.39 | 103.10 | - 0.40 | 4.13 |
| Inv Gth & Inc | 249.80 | 267.20 | - 0.90 | 2.82 |
| UK & Gen | 49.80 | 53.26 | - 0.27 | 2.03 |
| Fund of Funds | 77.73 | 83.13† | + 0.23 | |
| **GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431 | | | | |
| Amer Spec Sits | 265.60 | 284.10† | - 0.80 | 0.12 |
| European | 683.90 | 730.10† | + 2.70 | 0.65 |
| Euro Eq & Bd Inc | 53.36 | 56.70† | + 0.08 | 5.01 |
| -do- Accum | 59.17 | 62.88 | + 0.09 | 5.01 |
| Far East & Gen | 294.40 | 314.90 | - 1.40 | |
| Germany | 138.80 | 147.20 | + 0.20 | |
| High Yield # | 48.39 | 51.13 | - 0.13 | 8.27 |
| -do- Accum # | 51.61 | 54.54 | - 0.13 | 8.27 |
| Income Inc | 190.40 | 203.70† | + 0.40 | 4.19 |
| -do- Accum | 213.90 | 228.80 | + 0.40 | 4.19 |
| International | 399.90 | 462.80† | - 1.20 | 0.29 |
| Intl Income | 94.91 | 100.50 | - 0.40 | 2.87 |
| Japan & General | 457.30 | 485.80† | | |
| Korean Securities | 69.72 | 74.57 | + 0.93 | |
| Orient Acc | 183.50 | 196.30 | + 0.40 | 0.17 |
| UK General Inc | 199.30 | 213.30 | + 1.20 | 0.99 |
| UK General Acc | 352.70 | 377.20 | + 2.10 | 0.89 |
| UK Smllr Cos Inc | 50.72 | 54.29 | + 0.18 | 4.00 |
| -do- Accum | 57.13 | 61.11 | + 0.22 | 4.00 |
| UK Spec Sits | 101.70 | 108.80 | + 0.60 | 1.19 |
| US Growth | 187.60 | 199.10 | - 1.10 | |
| Wwide Spec Sits | 164.00 | 174.80 | - 0.80 | |
| **GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421 | | | | |
| UK Growth Funds | | | | |
| British Growth | 59.98 | 64.05 | - 0.26 | 1.93 |
| Cash Trust | 143.52 | 143.52† | - 0.02 | 5.36 |
| [illegible] Inc # | 124.16 | 132.79† | + 0.06 | 2.58 |
| -do- Accum # | 292.61 | 313.17† | - 0.15 | 2.58 |
| UK [illegible] | 176.90 | 177.79† | + 0.50 | 3.19 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 171.46 | 183.38 | + 1.19 | 0.63 |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| Extra Yield | 23.92 | 24.79† | | 7.99 |
| High Income | 34.56 | 36.94 | + 0.05 | 5.12 |
| UK Equity Income | [illegible] | 168.36 | + 0.3 | 3.07 |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Euro Smlr Cos | 179.86 | 191.69† | + 0.48 | 2.22 |
| European Value | 88.27 | 94.21† | + 0.13 | 1.34 |
| -do- Accum | 94.93 | 101.33 | + 0.14 | 1.34 |
| Japan Trust | 246.51 | 262.30 | - 0.74 | |
| Japan Special Sits | 255.29 | 271.65† | - 1.47 | ... |
| Pacific Smlr Cos | 271.53 | 289.39† | - 0.79 | |
| North American | 309.70 | 329.79 | - 2.88 | |
| American Smaller | 177.70 | 190.12† | - 0.79 | .. |
| **HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010 | | | | |
| Income & Growth # | 158.30 | 166.70 | + 0.30 | 4.77 |
| **HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS** | | | | |
| 0181 686 4355 | | | | |
| British | 118.78 | 125.43 | + 0.29 | 1.78 |
| Capital | 207.45 | 217.23 | + 0.28 | 1.21 |
| Dollar | 484.45 | 507.28 | - 4.13 | |
| Enterprise Gth | 426.32 | 446.41 | + 4.85 | 1.21 |
| European | 279.63 | 292.80 | + 0.93 | 0.38 |
| Far East | 356.23 | 371.97 | - 2.10 | .. |
| Financial | 992.87 | £10.39† | - 2.92 | 1.95 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int Inc | 25.55 | 26.57† | - 0.08 | 7.32 |
| High Yield | 112.01 | 117.29 | + 0.27 | 3.82 |
| Income & Growth | 162.12 | 169.76 | + 0.25 | 3.35 |
| International | 308.65 | 323.19 | - 0.61 | |
| Japanese General | 236.01 | 247.13 | + 0.06 | |
| Japan Tech | 101.73 | 106.52 | + 0.01 | |
| Nat Resources | 97.11 | 101.69† | - 0.61 | |
| Portfolio | 88.93 | 91.02† | + 0.28 | 1.29 |
| Special Sits | 202.71 | 212.26† | + 2.00 | 0.38 |
| UK Emerging Cos | 122.86 | 128.65 | + 1.17 | 0.80 |
| US Smaller Cos | 146.54 | 153.44 | - 0.08 | - |
| **HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505 | | | | |
| Active Funds-UK | | | | |
| Income # | 634.00 | 676.60 | + 1.80 | 5.01 |
| Capital | 709.60 | 757.30† | + 1.80 | 2.38 |
| Balanced # | 113.80 | 121.50† | + 0.20 | 5.72 |
| Active Funds-International | | | | |
| American Gwth | 603.20 | 640.70† | - 6.90 | 0.55 |
| European Gwth | 143.60 | 152.98 | + 0.20 | |
| Japan Gwth | 310.20 | 330.90 | + 0.20 | . |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 36.22 | 38.66 | + 0.15 | |
| Asian | 69.54 | 74.22 | - 0.60 | 0.09 |
| Sing & Malay Gwth | 95.75 | 102.20 | - 0.70 | . |
| Hong Kong Gwth | 133.80 | 142.80† | - 0.70 | 1.26 |
| Global Bond | 23.00 | 24.30 | - 0.03 | 5.36 |
| Index Funds-UK | | | | |
| UK Index | 166.20 | 167.00 | + 0.40 | 3.39 |
| Trusts Index | 129.30 | 132.60 | + 0.90 | 2.13 |
| THE FOOTSIE FUND | 63.86 | 64.20 | + 0.09 | 3.00 |
| Index Funds-International | | | | |
| American Index | 273.70 | 275.10 | - 2.20 | 1.15 |
| Eurotrack 100 | 196.20 | 197.20 | + 0.40 | 1.09 |
| Japan Index | 86.78 | 87.22 | + 0.03 | 0.21 |
| Tiger Index | 232.70 | 233.90 | - 0.46 | 0.39 |
| **INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733 | | | | |
| UK Specialist Trusts | | | | |
| UK Smaller Cos | 47.16 | 49.02† | + 0.57 | 0.66 |
| General Funds | | | | |
| Managed Dist | 89.37 | 92.90 | | 1.22 |
| Managed | 91.28 | 94.89 | + 0.01 | 1.22 |
| [illegible] Child Fnd | 99.86 | 103.80† | | 2.08 |
| UK Growth | 70.59 | 73.38 | + 0.20 | 1.90 |
| High Income Funds | | | | |
| UK Extra Inc | 87.93 | 91.40† | + 0.19 | 6.56 |
| Gilt & Fixed Inc | 26.25 | 27.08† | - 0.04 | 8.33 |
| UK Inc & Gwth | 47.00 | 48.86† | + 0.12 | 3.02 |
| UK Income | 370.10 | 384.70† | + 0.70 | 4.65 |
| Overseas Growth Funds | | | | |
| American Growth | 61.75 | 64.04† | - 0.46 | 0.11 |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 161.40 | 167.80 | + 1.10 | . |
| -do- Accum | 163.30 | 169.70 | + 1.20 | |
| Europe Gth | 227.10 | 235.60 | - 0.30 | |
| -do- Accum | 235.30 | 244.10 | - 0.30 | |
| Euro Smaller Cos | 43.61 | 45.33 | + 0.04 | |
| French Growth | 96.66 | 100.50† | + 0.10 | 0.33 |
| -do- Accum | 104.50 | 108.60† | + 0.10 | 0.33 |
| H Kong & China | 95.86 | 99.65† | - 0.45 | 1.27 |
| Intl Growth | 69.07 | 71.80 | - 0.18 | 0.15 |
| -do- Accum | 70.03 | 72.80 | - 0.17 | 0.15 |
| Japan Gth | 35.28 | 36.67 | - 0.13 | |
| -do- Accum | 35.28 | 36.67 | - 0.13 | |
| Japan Smaller Cos | 42.04 | 43.70 | - 0.10 | . |
| Glob Emg Mkts | 105.20 | 109.40 | | |
| -do- Accum | 105.90 | 110.10 | | |
| SE Asia | 374.90 | 389.70† | - 4.80 | 0.02 |
| Overseas Income Funds | | | | |
| Intl Bond | 55.42 | 57.09† | - 0.18 | 5.93 |
| **JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010 | | | | |
| Sector Value Inc | 101.30 | 106.80† | + 0.40 | 3.99 |
| Sector Value Gwth | 102.20 | 107.70† | + 0.30 | 2.25 |
| Hy 5 Europe | 102.60 | 107.60 | - 0.40 | 1.86 |
| **JUPITER UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 581 3020 | | | | |
| World Health | 225.10 | 239.40 | - 1.20 | |
| Income # | 207.21 | 220.43 | + 0.97 | 3.65 |
| UK Growth | 82.11 | 87.35 | + 0.44 | 1.96 |
| Intl Growth | 90.15 | 95.89 | + 0.07 | 0.44 |
| Ecology | 104.06 | 110.70† | + 0.50 | 0.97 |
| European | 183.68 | 195.40 | + 0.11 | |
| Far Eastern | 334.90 | 356.10 | - 1.80 | |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| -do- Accum | 117.40 | 124.80 | - 0.30 | .. |
| Master Trust | 68.47 | 72.85 | | 1.17 |
| -do- Accum | 77.80 | 82.77 | ... | 1.17 |
| N American Gwth | 239.20 | 254.50 | - 2.50 | 0.03 |
| -do- Accum | 276.80 | 294.30 | - 2.90 | 0.03 |
| NAm Sm Co Rec | 200.80 | 213.70 | - 5.00 | |
| -do- Accum | 205.00 | 218.10 | - 5.10 | |
| Pacific Basin | 301.90 | 320.80 | + 4.80 | ... |
| -do- Accum | 321.10 | 341.70 | + 5.20 | ... |
| Small Cos Rec | 501.10 | 527.50 | + 2.50 | 1.60 |
| -do- Accum | 682.50 | 718.50 | + 3.60 | 1.60 |
| UK Eq Gth | 160.80 | 171.10† | + 0.50 | 2.74 |
| UK Eq Inc | 126.40 | 134.50† | + 0.30 | 4.07 |
| UK Growth | 103.40 | 110.10 | + 0.30 | 1.95 |
| -do- Accum | 128.50 | 136.80 | + 0.40 | 1.95 |
| Worldwide Gth | 370.20 | 393.90 | - 1.10 | . |
| -do- Accum | 547.10 | 582.10 | - 1.70 | ... |
| **LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT** | | | | |
| 01392 282 673 | | | | |
| American | 86.61 | 92.89 | - 0.92 | 0.40 |
| General | 108.06 | 113.79 | + 0.27 | 2.30 |
| Income | 72.45 | 77.73† | + 0.12 | 5.10 |
| International | 77.22 | 82.85 | - 0.41 | 0.40 |
| Japan | 64.30 | 68.99 | | |
| Tst of Inv Trusts | 76.59 | 82.17† | - 0.11 | 1.30 |
| **M & G SECURITIES** | | | | |
| Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390 | | | | |
| Amer & General | 528.10 | 558.60 | - 4.10 | 0.38 |
| -do- Accum | 658.90 | 697.20 | - 5.20 | 0.38 |
| Amer Recovery | 575.60 | 608.70 | - 5.80 | 0.33 |
| -do- Accum | 663.20 | 701.30 | - 6.70 | 0.33 |
| Amer Smlr Cos | 167.20 | 176.80 | + 0.30 | . |
| -do- Accum | 170.90 | 180.60 | + 0.20 | ... |
| Australasian | 200.80 | 212.90 | - 0.40 | 2.02 |
| -do- Accum | 250.20 | 264.50 | - 0.60 | 2.02 |
| Capital | 987.10 | 1043.90 | + 5.10 | 2.78 |
| -do- Accum | 1163.10 | 1230.10 | + 6.10 | 2.78 |
| Charifund | 770.20 | 778.00 | + 2.30 | 5.66 |
| -do- Accum | 3819.70 | 3857.90 | + 11.20 | 5.66 |
| Commodity | 546.70 | 578.10 | + 28.50 | 0.19 |
| -do- Accum | 806.20 | 852.50 | + 42.10 | 0.19 |
| Compound Gth | 1102.60 | 1166.00 | + 0.60 | 2.91 |
| -do- Accum | 1186.30 | 1254.50 | + 0.70 | 2.91 |
| Corporate Bond | 24.46 | 24.55† | + 0.02 | 7.90 |
| Dividend | 45.90 | 48.50 | + 0.10 | 4.33 |
| -do- Accum | 199.90 | 211.60 | + 0.50 | 4.33 |
| Equity Income | 359.30 | 380.00 | + 2.70 | 4.86 |
| -do- Accum | 486.60 | 514.70 | + 3.60 | 4.86 |
| Euro & General | 641.40 | 678.30 | + 2.90 | 0.85 |
| -do- Accum | 818.00 | 865.10 | + 3.70 | 0.85 |
| Euro Dividend | 82.90 | 87.70 | + 0.30 | 3.49 |
| -do- Accum | 103.00 | 108.90 | + 0.30 | 3.49 |
| Extra Yield | 462.60 | 489.20† | + 2.00 | 4.91 |
| -do- Accum | 1523.50 | 1611.10† | + 6.60 | 4.91 |
| Far Eastern | 406.30 | 429.70 | - 1.40 | 1.05 |
| -do- Accum | 542.00 | 573.20 | - 1.90 | 1.05 |
| Fund of Inv Tsts | 711.90 | 752.80 | + 1.70 | 1.83 |
| -do- Accum | 1352.50 | 1430.30 | + 3.30 | 1.83 |
| General | 69.90 | 73.90 | + 0.20 | 3.64 |
| -do- Accum | 203.20 | 215.00 | + 0.60 | 3.64 |
| Gilt Income | 60.21 | 60.30 | + 0.14 | 7.20 |
| -do- Accum | 175.46 | 176.70 | + 0.41 | 7.20 |
| Gold | 87.20 | 92.20 | - 0.40 | 0.07 |
| -do- Accum | 103.60 | 109.50 | - 0.50 | 0.07 |
| High Income | 33.30 | 35.20 | + 0.10 | 4.55 |
| -do- Accum | 139.10 | 147.20 | + 0.50 | 4.55 |
| Intl Growth | 95.10 | 100.60 | - 0.10 | 0.65 |
| -do- Accum | 167.40 | 177.20 | - 0.10 | 0.65 |
| International Inc | 112.90 | 119.40† | + 0.10 | 4.41 |
| -do- Accum | 176.70 | 186.90† | + 0.10 | 4.41 |
| Japan & Gen | 44.30 | 46.70 | | .. |
| -do- Accum | 47.50 | 50.10 | | |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 156.00 | 164.90 | | |
| -do- Accum | 157.10 | 166.10 | | |
| Managed Gwth | 27.70 | 29.30 | | 1.62 |
| Managed Income | 30.30 | 31.80† | + 0.10 | 4.08 |
| Midland | 65.60 | 69.40† | - 0.70 | 3.21 |
| -do- Accum | 227.70 | 240.80† | + 2.30 | 3.21 |
| Pension Ex | 1091.00 | 1118.30 | + 4.80 | 4.19 |
| Recovery | 50.30 | 53.20 | + 0.40 | 2.57 |
| -do- Accum | 84.60 | 89.50 | + 0.70 | 2.57 |
| Second General | 78.60 | 83.10 | - 0.10 | 3.76 |
| -do- Accum | 210.50 | 222.70 | + 0.30 | 3.76 |
| Smaller Cos | 74.00 | 78.30 | + 0.20 | 3.15 |
| -do- Accum | 151.50 | 160.30 | + 0.30 | 3.15 |
| Treasury | 25.16 | 25.21† | - 0.07 | 5.95 |
| Trustee | 44.10 | 46.60† | + 0.10 | 4.69 |
| -do- Accum | 187.30 | 198.40† | + 0.50 | 4.69 |
| **MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631 | | | | |
| European Growth | 100.35 | 106.75 | + 0.41 | 1.54 |
| Intl Bond | 67.00 | 70.32 | - 0.25 | 5.28 |
| Intl Equity Growth | 87.85 | 93.42 | - 0.24 | 0.64 |
| N Amer Growth | 133.93 | 142.30† | - 1.28 | 0.68 |
| Special Sits Growth | 26.48 | 28.16† | - 0.01 | 1.93 |
| UK Growth | 446.33 | 474.81† | + 0.89 | 2.54 |
| -do- Accum | 605.76 | 644.42 | - 0.34 | 2.54 |
| **MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD** | | | | |
| 01620 825867 | | | | |
| Balanced Fd # | 1493.80 | 1514.20 | | 2.90 |
| Income # | 1035.00 | 1049.62 | | 4.00 |
| **MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 222 4242 | | | | |
| Maldon General | 167.30 | 175.60† | | 3.65 |
| For Manulife see Canada Life | | | | |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gilt & Fixed | 94.29 | 100.10 | + 0.15 | 5.54 |
| Income | 99.73 | 106.10 | + 0.20 | 2.41 |
| Japan Growth | 57.04 | 60.45 | | .. |
| Managed | 81.83 | 87.05 | - 0.04 | 2.02 |
| Money Market | 92.69 | 92.25 | - 0.01 | 4.09 |
| North American | 110.20 | 116.80 | + 0.60 | 0.38 |
| Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust | | | | |
| British | 116.66 | 123.40 | - 0.20 | 1.43 |
| European Growth | 124.40 | 131.90 | - 0.30 | 0.01 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 89.29 | 94.78 | + 0.17 | 5.56 |
| Income | 97.76 | 104.00 | - 0.30 | 2.47 |
| Japan Growth | 56.72 | 60.13 | | |
| Managed | 78.20 | 83.19 | - 0.04 | 2.00 |
| Money Market | 95.55 | 90.88 | - 0.02 | 4.05 |
| North American | 99.59 | 105.60 | + 0.60 | 0.46 |
| Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust | | | | |
| British | 115.50 | 122.90 | - 0.20 | 1.43 |
| European Growth | 121.80 | 129.10 | - 0.30 | |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 91.74 | 96.72 | + 0.16 | 5.69 |
| Income | 95.79 | 101.90 | - 0.30 | 2.51 |
| Japan Growth | 58.04 | 61.52 | ... | .. |
| Managed | 81.04 | 86.21 | - 0.04 | 2.01 |
| Money Market | 79.04 | 83.78 | - 0.01 | 4.15 |
| North American | 111.50 | 118.20 | + 0.70 | 0.35 |
| **MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| International (US$) | 14.99 | 15.87 | | |
| **MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD** | | | | |
| Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171 | | | | |
| American Gwth | 462.70 | 492.00† | - 3.50 | . |
| European Gth Inc | 688.60 | 733.30 | - 1.10 | |
| -do- Accum | 675.90 | 721.10 | - 1.10 | |
| Intl Gwth | 239.30 | 254.30 | + 0.10 | .. |
| UK Equity Inc | 216.60 | 230.50 | + 0.50 | 3.50 |
| Do. Accum | 299.60 | 319.30 | + 0.50 | 3.50 |
| UK Ind Trck Inc | 190.60 | 203.40† | + 0.52 | 2.46 |
| -do- Accum | 232.20 | 247.90† | + 0.76 | 2.45 |
| US Eq Ind Trk Inc | 271.20 | 287.20 | - 2.20 | 0.51 |
| Japan Tracker | 81.73 | 86.18 | + 0.03 | . |
| Asian Trader | 245.40 | 264.20 | - 2.70 | 0.16 |
| Managed Inc | 190.50 | 203.32 | + 0.20 | 2.14 |
| Deposit Inc | 99.64 | 99.64† | + 0.01 | 5.44 |
| Europa | 321.80 | 345.90† | | |
| Genesis | 209.30 | 225.10 | + 1.50 | 1.45 |
| High Income | 21.37 | 22.60 | - 0.01 | 10.00 |
| **MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT** | | | | |
| 0345 090 933 | | | | |
| Acumen | 109.10 | 117.50† | + 0.20 | 2.10 |
| Acumen Inc | 95.95 | 102.10† | + 0.10 | 2.10 |
| Acumen Reserve | 90.36 | 91.27† | - 0.41 | 7.56 |
| -do- Inc | 71.81 | 72.53† | - 0.33 | 7.56 |
| American Growth | 67.34 | 69.35 | - 0.35 | |
| Cash Income | 49.95 | 49.95 | - 0.02 | 5.35 |
| Equity Income # | 124.93 | 132.62† | + 0.30 | 4.61 |
| European | 82.62 | 84.34 | - 0.22 | 0.15 |
| Smaller Cos | 51.06 | 55.41 | + 0.57 | 0.97 |
| W'wide Eqty | 79.05 | 80.97 | - 0.03 | . |
| Global Bond | 46.37 | 46.90 | - 0.05 | 6.04 |
| UK Growth | 112.00 | 114.90† | + 0.50 | 1.83 |
| Pacific Growth | 131.60 | 136.06 | - 0.52 | 0.50 |
| Japan Growth | 110.20 | 112.70 | - 0.33 | . |
| **NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 330 Dealing: 01277 261 010 | | | | |
| Avon Equity | 146.49 | 156.53 | + 0.55 | [illegible] |
| **N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| 0161 237 5322 | | | | |
| UK Growth | [illegible] | 94.55 | + 0.37 | 2.14 |
| UK Income | 125.80 | 133.23 | - 1.62 | 3.56 |
| Higher Income | 238.52 | 253.72 | + 1.32 | 4.91 |
| Smaller Cos | 103.85 | 111.46 | + 0.51 | 1.65 |
| International | 113.25 | 120.27 | - 2.03 | 1.21 |
| **NPI INVESTMENT MGRS** | | | | |
| 0171 623 4200 | | | | |
| American Dist | 134.80 | 143.42 | - 0.50 | 0.16 |
| European Dist | 145.22 | 154.33 | - 0.20 | 2.10 |
| Far East Dist | 215.40 | 229.10 | - 1.10 | 0.41 |
| Global Care Dist | 88.59 | 94.24 | + 0.12 | 0.34 |
| Overs Dist | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0.39 |
| -do- Accum | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| UK Dist | 423.52 | 447.30 | - 1.02 | 2.32 |
| -do- Accum | 642.32 | [illegible] | - 1.50 | [illegible] |
| UK Extra Inc Dist | 52.22 | 57.29 | - 0.27 | [illegible] |
| W'wide Dist | 133.13 | [illegible] | - 0.50 | |
| W'wide Inc Dist | 87.62 | 92.43 | - 0.27 | 1.61 |
| **NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Dlg: 01277 690 260 [illegible] | | | | |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Special Sits | 144.10 | 153.33 | + 1.00 | 1.50 |
| -do- Accum | 158.60 | 168.83 | - 1.20 | 1.50 |
| Technology | 172.30 | 183.70 | + 0.50 | |
| UK Blue Chip | 86.33 | 91.74 | - 0.20 | 2.36 |
| -do- Accum | 99.09 | 105.40 | + 0.20 | 2.35 |
| **PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490 | | | | |
| Managed Tst | 45.94 | 47.60 | - 0.41 | 1.77 |
| Cash Haven Inc | 101.60 | 102.10 | - 0.01 | 4.89 |
| Cash Haven Acc | 116.90 | 117.38 | - 0.01 | 4.89 |
| Dist Trust Inc | 105.52 | 109.34 | + 0.01 | 6.35 |
| Dist Trust Acc | 116.81 | 121.04 | - 0.07 | 6.35 |
| Global Growth | 108.42 | 115.02 | - 0.21 | 1.17 |
| Equity Inc | 93.36 | 99.31 | + 0.41 | 4.42 |
| Equity | 865.96 | 921.12 | - 4.15 | 2.37 |
| European | 267.07 | 276.75 | - 0.09 | 0.77 |
| High Income | 36.15 | 39.09 | + 0.22 | 5.28 |
| Intl Gth | 228.17 | 242.73 | - 0.22 | 0.93 |
| Intl Sm Co | 98.79 | 105.09 | + 0.14 | 0.64 |
| Japanese | 238.95 | 247.61 | - 1.04 | |
| Nth Amer | 232.43 | 247.07 | - 0.33 | 1.25 |
| Pacific Mkts | 125.84 | 131.23 | - 2.13 | 0.64 |
| Premier Inc | 47.42 | 49.35 | + 0.19 | 6.69 |
| Sm Cos | 112.35 | 119.52 | - 0.64 | 1.39 |
| Spec Sits | 128.52 | 136.73 | - 0.55 | 2.56 |
| UK Growth | 146.79 | 156.75 | + 0.67 | 2.29 |
| **RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01892 510 033 | | | | |
| British Life | 341.70 | 362.50† | + 1.90 | 3.16 |
| **ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| Dealers: 0171 623 1000 | | | | |
| FA America (Inc) | 661.03 | 702.57 | - 3.74 | 0.30 |
| FA America (Acc) | 773.07 | 821.66 | - 4.37 | 0.30 |
| FA UK Equity Inc | 185.05 | 197.02 | + 0.54 | 3.29 |
| FA Japan | 261.43 | 278.18 | - 0.86 | |
| FA Major UK Cos | 114.50 | 121.87 | - 0.27 | 1.07 |
| FA Small UK Cos | 371.12 | 403.65† | + 3.34 | 0.86 |
| FA European | 410.10 | 435.47 | - 1.09 | 0.30 |
| FA Amer Smllr Cos | 59.62 | 63.64 | - 0.44 | |
| FA Asia | 60.35 | 64.92 | - 0.33 | |
| FA Jap Smllr Cos | 46.96 | 50.19 | - 0.04 | |
| RAM Personal Pension | | | | |
| UK Major Cos | 119.59 | 125.30 | - 0.28 | |
| UK Smllr Cos | 109.21 | 114.95 | - 0.95 | |
| UK Income | 118.64 | 124.89 | - 0.34 | |
| America | 133.22 | 140.33 | - 0.74 | |
| Japanese | 57.94 | 62.58 | - 0.19 | |
| European | 132.33 | 139.29 | - 0.34 | |
| Gilt | 95.69 | 100.72 | - 0.42 | |
| Deposit | 79.51 | 83.17 | - 0.01 | |
| Managed | 115.40 | 121.47 | - 1.49 | |
| RAM FSAVC Scheme | | | | |
| UK Major Cos | 116.55 | 122.79 | - 0.26 | |
| UK Smaller Cos | 106.49 | 112.09 | - 0.95 | |
| UK Income | 115.55 | 121.63 | - 0.32 | |
| America | 129.55 | 136.36 | - 0.73 | |
| Japanese | 56.20 | 59.16 | - 0.19 | |
| European | 129.73 | 135.56 | - 0.33 | |
| Gilt | 93.42 | 98.39 | - 0.41 | |
| Deposit | 84.70 | 89.16 | + 0.02 | |
| Managed | 109.62 | 115.45 | + 0.03 | |
| **ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq. 01733 390 000 | | | | |
| United States | 117.90 | 125.60 | - 1.30 | 0.35 |
| Pacific Basin | 87.94 | 94.34 | - 0.06 | 0.34 |
| High Inc Dist | 154.60 | 165.40 | - 0.60 | 4.17 |
| Ryl Life Int Cony | 63.70 | 67.45† | - 0.29 | 4.09 |
| Ryl Life Intl Gwth | 51.47 | 55.85 | - 0.39 | 0.12 |
| Ryl Life Intl Spec | 75.28 | 80.05 | - 0.07 | |
| UK Emerging Cos | 156.30 | 167.30 | + 1.10 | 0.92 |
| UK Index Trckg | 286.73 | 309.51 | + 2.40 | [illegible] |
| European | 163.40 | 175.60 | - 0.60 | 0.27 |
| Managed | 182.70 | 196.40 | - 0.10 | 1.01 |
| **ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01206 764 400 | | | | |
| American Growth | 193.70 | 205.00 | - 1.70 | 1.56 |
| European Growth | 138.50 | 146.70 | - 0.20 | 2.74 |
| Far East Growth | 165.40 | 176.00 | - 0.20 | 1.72 |
| Japan Growth | 142.10 | 152.70† | - 0.20 | |
| Special Sits | 248.00 | 263.80† | - 3.10 | 1.13 |
| UK Growth | 98.27 | 104.50 | | 1.27 |
| [illegible] General | 297.40 | 316.40† | - 0.70 | 0.93 |
| **ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD** | | | | |
| 0141 307 6500 | | | | |
| Far East Inc | 188.50 | 199.60 | - 1.10 | 0.36 |
| Gt Euro Prog Inc | 404.60 | 425.16 | | 0.41 |
| -do- Accum | 632.50 | 669.10 | | 0.41 |
| Growth Inc | 157.02 | 166.10 | + 0.80 | 0.17 |
| -do- Accum | 161.09 | 170.40 | + 1.20 | 0.17 |
| International Inc | 411.40 | 435.30 | + 1.20 | 0.17 |
| -do- Accum | 567.10 | 600.10 | + 1.70 | 0.17 |
| Nth Am & Intl Inc | 415.40 | 439.90 | - 1.10 | 0.66 |
| UK Gen Prog Inc | 254.62 | [illegible] | + 0.20 | 1.13 |
| -do- Accum | 291.60 | [illegible] | - 0.20 | 1.13 |
| UK High Inc Inc | 145.50 | 152.20 | + 1.30 | 4.53 |
| **[illegible] INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD** | | | | |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| American Gwth | 79.53 | 84.92 | - 0.27 | |
| Asian Gwth | 132.25 | 141.11† | - 1.64 | 0.75 |
| European Gwth | 89.13 | 94.91 | - 0.11 | 1.00 |
| [illegible] | 62.73 | 65.29† | - 0.18 | 6.00 |
| [illegible] | 77.57 | [illegible] | - 0.12 | 0.50 |
| Japan Sm Cos | 59.07 | 63.77† | + 0.20 | |
| UK Gwth | 87.27 | 92.81 | - 0.10 | 1.75 |
| **SAVE & PROSPER GROUP** | | | | |
| 01708 766 966 | | | | |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intl Growth Inc | [illegible] | 256.42 | - 0.80 | 0.78 |
| [illegible] Venture Inc | [illegible] | 102.50† | - 0.30 | [illegible] |
| **SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT** | | | | |
| 0131 655 3724 | | | | |
| Equity Inc | 427.10 | 456.10 | - 1.30 | 2.29 |
| -do- Accum | 662.95 | 706.90 | - 1.90 | 2.29 |
| UK High Inc | 207.10 | 220.90 | [illegible] | 3.30 |
| -do- Accum | 315.30 | 336.70 | - 0.80 | 3.33 |
| Europe Inc | 474.90 | 506.40 | - 0.90 | 0.57 |
| Nth Amer Inc | 313.50 | 334.70 | - 2.30 | |
| Global Inc | 265.00 | 282.60 | - 0.90 | 0.27 |
| Global Acc | [illegible] | 304.40 | - 1.00 | 0.27 |
| UK Spec Sits Inc | 125.30 | 133.70 | [illegible] | |
| South East Asia | 268.90 | 286.80 | - 2.60 | 0.36 |
| Cash Trust Inc | 101.60 | 101.60 | | 5.00 |
| UK Smllr Cos Inc | 124.90 | 130.20 | + 0.50 | 1.59 |
| -do- Accum | 130.10 | 138.70 | + 1.00 | 1.59 |
| Intl Bond Inc | 97.78 | 103.90 | - 0.20 | 5.20 |
| **SHARP (ALBERT E)** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010 | | | | |
| European | 158.70 | 168.50 | - 0.30 | 0.64 |
| Nth American | 140.70 | 148.10 | - 1.20 | 0.04 |
| Intl Bond & Curs | 128.60 | 135.40 | - 1.00 | 6.60 |
| Pooled Pension (£) | 230.50 | 248.00 | | 1.93 |
| Smaller Cos | 110.40 | 116.20 | + 0.80 | 0.78 |
| UK General | 162.50 | 171.00 | + 0.40 | 2.32 |
| Far Eastern | 109.30 | 115.70 | - 0.50 | |
| **SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 626 6226 | | | | |
| Amer Gth Fund ‡ | 128.12 | † | - 0.98 | .. |
| Aztec ‡ | 68.40 | † | + 0.04 | .. |
| European ‡ | 164.35 | † | + 0.55 | 0.28 |
| Global Bond ‡ | 92.48 | † | - 0.08 | 4.56 |
| Investment Trust ‡ | 113.75 | † | + 0.05 | 1.93 |
| Preferred Income ‡ | 107.52 | † | + 0.37 | 5.54 |
| Samurai ‡ | 62.15 | † | - 0.30 | .. |
| Sterling Reserve ‡ | 100.35 | † | + 0.01 | 5.89 |
| UK Growth ‡ | 111.45 | † | + 1.03 | 2.24 |
| [illegible] ‡ | 113.69 | † | - 0.25 | .. |
| UK Emerg Leaders ‡ | 113.01 | † | + 0.21 | 2.69 |
| UK Equity Inc ‡ | 114.44 | † | + 0.22 | 5.26 |
| Club Gwth PEP | 77.58 | 82.63 | + 0.12 | 1.19 |
| Pref Inc PEP # | 103.90 | 109.70† | + 0.30 | 5.50 |
| Inv Trust PEP | 56.90 | 60.58 | - 0.98 | .. |
| **SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS** | | | | |
| 0171 637 5377 | | | | |
| American | 453.70 | 480.10 | + 3.40 | .. |
| Capital | 147.50 | 158.10 | - 0.60 | 1.50 |
| Cash | 100.30 | 100.30† | + 0.01 | 5.32 |
| European | 162.70 | 172.20 | - 0.10 | 0.34 |
| Far Eastern | 176.80 | 187.10 | - 0.50 | |
| Growth | 164.60 | 174.20 | - 0.70 | 0.82 |
| Income # | 136.20 | 146.20† | + 0.30 | 4.80 |
| Magnum | 159.60 | 169.70† | - 0.80 | 1.45 |
| Smlr Secs | 521.90 | 552.30† | + 3.40 | 0.28 |
| Thoroughbred | 184.90 | 197.90† | + 0.90 | 1.14 |
| **SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01202 298 422 | | | | |
| [illegible] | 57.00 | 60.99 | + 0.04 | 7.80 |
| Ethical | 82.55 | 88.29† | + 0.95 | [illegible] |
| European Growth | 84.92 | 90.34 | + 0.22 | 1.13 |
| Income | 61.76 | 66.05 | + 0.11 | 4.30 |
| Intl Growth | 118.20 | 126.10 | + 0.20 | 1.71 |
| Managed | 97.39 | 103.80 | + 0.20 | 1.95 |
| UK Growth | 79.55 | 85.08 | + 0.46 | 1.14 |
| **STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| 0800 393 777 | | | | |
| Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd | | | | |
| Global Advtg Inc | 47.68 | 47.92 | - 0.20 | 1.73 |
| Global Advtg Acc | 51.67 | 51.98 | - 0.20 | 1.73 |
| Income Advtg Inc | 35.39 | 36.17† | - 0.20 | 3.40 |
| Income Advtg Acc | 41.29 | 41.50 | - 0.20 | 3.40 |
| UK Equity Gth Acc | 95.39 | 99.00 | + 0.10 | 1.27 |
| Premier Inc Inc | 47.92 | 50.44† | - 0.20 | 7.66 |
| Premier Inc Acc | 49.68 | 52.29 | - 0.20 | 7.66 |
| Managed Acc | 62.78 | 66.55 | - 0.25 | [illegible] |
| UK Eq Hi Inc Inc | 40.53 | 42.85† | - 0.15 | 4.10 |
| UK Eq Hi Inc Acc | 52.31 | 59.09 | - 0.20 | 4.10 |
| Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd | | | | |
| UK Equity Gen Acc | 76.37 | 81.15 | - 0.30 | 2.11 |
| UK Equity Gen Inc | 55.17 | 58.62† | - 0.28 | 2.11 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int Inc | 30.77 | 32.54† | - 0.20 | 6.06 |
| [illegible] Lrg Co Acc | 392.80 | 415.72 | - 1.30 | 1.61 |
| Nth American Acc | 58.93 | 62.62 | - 0.30 | |
| Pacific Basin | 51.36 | 54.52 | .. | 0.53 |
| European Acc | 60.92 | 64.73 | - 0.10 | 0.80 |
| Japan Acc | 29.78 | 31.65 | - 0.10 | |
| **STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 344 7000 | | | | |
| Global A (NCS) | 4.424 | 4.693 | | 1.72 |
| US Eqts (US$) | 3.192 | 3.379 | | 0.94 |
| Far East Eqts (yen) | 275.40 | 292.50 | | |
| FT Europe | 154.60 | 164.20 | | 1.19 |
| FT N Amer (US$) | 2.416 | 2.566 | | 0.92 |
| FT Japan (yen) | 251.70 | 266.70 | | |
| FT Asia ExJap (US$) | 2.918 | 3.099 | | 0.87 |
| **STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 226 3271 | | | | |
| American | 534.90 | 567.20 | - 3.80 | |
| British # | 1291.70 | 1356.00 | + 6.60 | 2.80 |
| Emerging Mkts | 158.50 | 168.90 | + 0.30 | 0.62 |
| European | 687.30 | 731.70 | + 0.40 | 0.66 |
| Japan | 145.70 | 154.70 | | |
| New Pacific | 467.70 | 498.10 | - 1.10 | 0.96 |
| -do- Accum | 498.60 | 531.00 | - 1.10 | 0.96 |
| Inv Trust Acc | 305.00 | 323.80 | + 0.10 | 0.93 |
| Mngd Equity | 210.30 | [illegible] | + 0.60 | 1.92 |
| Mngd Cash | 95.57 | 95.57 | + 0.01 | 5.45 |
| **SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380 | | | | |
| Equity | 1045.00 | 1118.00 | + 6.00 | 2.34 |
| North America | 197.90 | [illegible] | - 1.00 | |
| Far East | 185.30 | 198.20 | - 1.20 | 0.15 |
| Wwide Bond | 60.62 | 64.36† | - 0.14 | 5.05 |
| European | 131.20 | 140.40 | | 1.15 |
| Equity Income # | 107.60 | 115.10† | + 0.30 | 4.73 |
| Portfolio | 108.60 | 116.30† | - 0.10 | 1.77 |
| UK Leading Cos | 74.14 | 79.08 | + 0.05 | 3.00 |
| High Inc Bond | 49.35 | [illegible] | - 0.25 | 7.25 |
| Bonus Trusts | | | | |
| Intl Equity | 78.85 | 84.33 | + 0.16 | |
| **SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 525 725 | | | | |
| [illegible] UT | 25.85 | 27.51† | - 0.20 | 0.41 |
| European | 48.74 | 51.86† | - 0.01 | 0.64 |
| High Income | 35.31 | 37.57† | + 0.09 | 4.14 |
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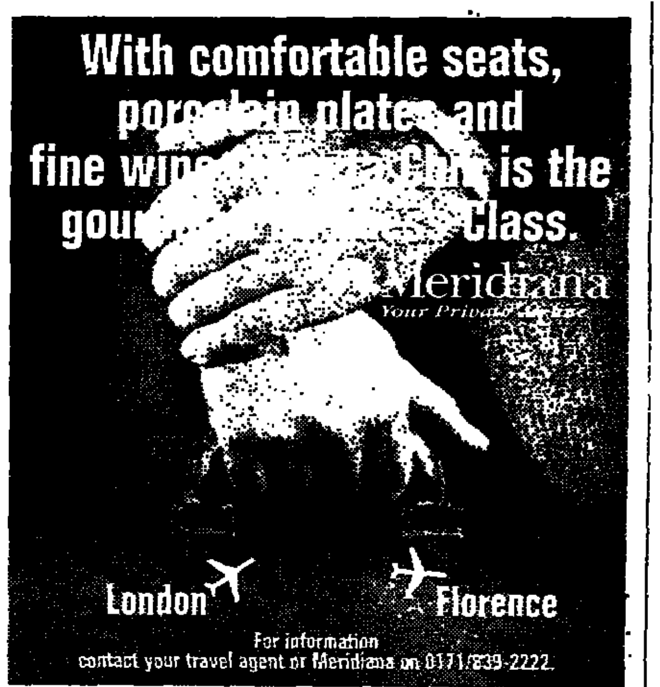

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THEATRE: **Richard Morrison** talks to Peter Whelan about his new 'end of the House of Windsor' play. Plus reviews

# One of our monarchs is missing ...

A Tory MP of the Pavlovian tendency has already obliged the theatre's publicists by declaring the whole thing "shocking". So perhaps it is not entirely inconceivable that an anti-royalist play in the Birmingham Rep will rock the Establishment sufficiently to provoke repressive measures.

In which case, the Editor of *The Times* could be among those locked up in the Tower for abetting an act of treason. Three years ago, this newspaper collaborated with the reform group Charter 88 to mount a debate on the future of the monarchy. Among the audience was Bill Alexander, director of the Birmingham Rep. So stimulated was he by the clash of opinions that when his friend, the dramatist Peter Whelan, asked him to suggest a subject for a new play, he answered: "Write about the end of the monarchy and beginning of a republic."

Whelan did. Tonight the curtain rises on what, to royalists, might seem like an *opus horribilis*. It is a "what if" drama called *Divine Right*. Set four years from now, it imagines the Prince of Wales, about to remarry, renouncing his claim on the throne. His 18-year-old son, faced with the sudden imminence of kingship, is jolted into realising that he knows nothing about ordinary people. So he shakes off his police minder and proceeds to do a pale imitation of Henry V on the eve of Agincourt, or at least Stephen Fry in a huff. In disguise he slips away from the glare of public life, and mingles with the common throng.

"He wants to get among the people who have nothing, because he can't understand why they would want the monarchy to continue," Whelan says. "His concern is whether he should accept the succession — and if so, whether he should become political. He can hardly bear the thought of being emasculated and unable to do anything useful, like Edward VIII going round the coalmines saying 'something must be done'."

For an Old Etonian, Whelan's Prince does seem unusually beset by self-doubt. However, he meets at least two ardent royalists. They turn out to be racist thugs.

The Prince's voyage of discovery is, says Whelan, "one track of a twin-track play". Back in Westminster, now ruled by Labour, a republican bandwagon gathers momentum. By the final curtain, the House of Windsor has ... well, the ending is secret, but you may speculate.

‘The Royal Family has contravened middle-class instincts’

PETER WHELAN

Whelan is by no means the first writer to weave a little entertaining "faction" round the extraordinary recent history of the Royal Family. Alan Bennett's *A Question of Attribution* imagined the Queen engaging her traitorous Keeper of Pictures, Anthony Blunt, in icy, double-edged dialogue. Sue Townsend's *The Queen and I* depicted a Royal Family exiled to a Midlands housing estate by a republican government. Michael Dobbs's *To Play the King*, which unfolded on television like an uncanny parallel world, showed a well-meaning but dithering future king being marginalised by an unscrupulous Prime Minister.

But all of these were essentially brilliant satires. Whelan's play is a more serious-minded attempt to dramatise the monarchy debate. As a playwright, this excursion into the future tense — or perhaps the tense future — will mark out new territory for him: he is best known for marvellously lucid historical plays. But as a passionate republican he has been rehearsing the arguments expressed in *Divine Right* all his life. And his play is focused on these issues, not on the tackiness of recent revelations.

"If I did the latter I would be going over ground covered already by others. Anyway, because I set the play four years hence, I was anxious to keep the Fergies and Dianas out of it. In four years' time, I hope, people will be saying 'Diana who?'"

Won't audiences who come expecting a *Spitting Image*-style lampoon be disappointed by the sobriety of it all? "That is a danger. But to sit in front of *Spitting Image* for two hours would be very hard going. I had to construct a proper debate. I didn't want to make Aunt Sallies out of people who believe fervently in the monarchy.

"For instance, I thought very hard about how I could make a reasonable case for the hereditary principle. Then I realised that it was staring me in the face: you can be thoroughly opposed to the hereditary principle; yet, when you leave your house to your kids, that's the principle in action."

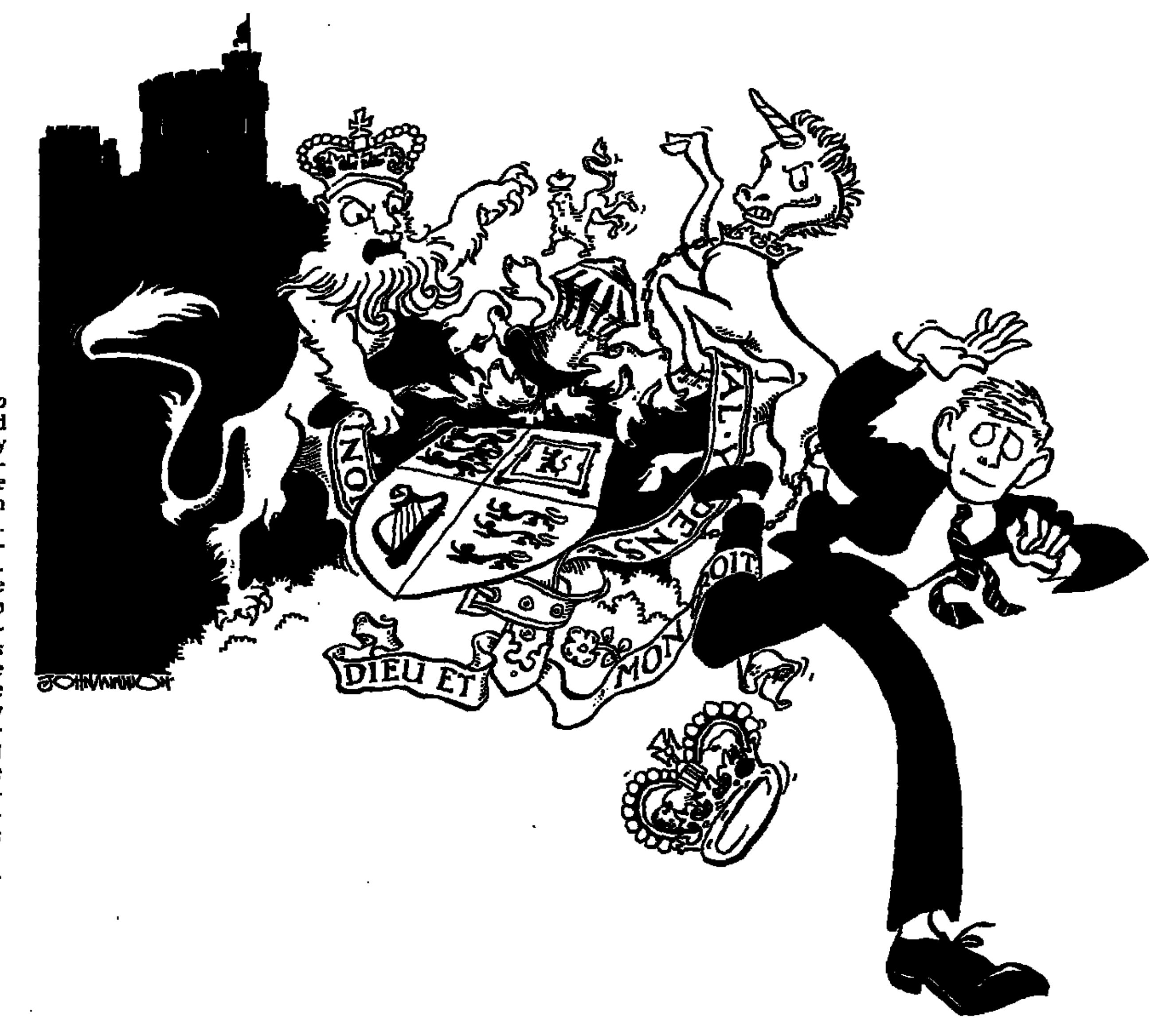
Nevertheless, Whelan does believe that recent shenanigans have fuelled the republican cause. "The bad behaviour of individuals has led people to question the institution. And the interesting thing is that the criticism is not coming from people on the Left. The Royal Family has contravened the most primal instincts of the middle classes.

"Indeed, the clearest republican voice has been in *The Economist*, when it declared the monarchy to be anti-democratic, anti-meritocratic and anti-capitalist. In the old days, monarchs got away with appalling behaviour because of Divine Right. The trouble is that nobody believes in Divine Right any more."

Which brings us back to *Divine Right*. Is all this fanciful political theorising a proper subject for a play? Whelan clearly believes it is, if only because both main parties appear to have a tacit agreement not to make "an issue" out of the monarchy. "Politicians suspect, probably rightly, that if you changed the monarchy — to an elected president, say — it could only lead to a reduction in their powers. Their interest is to have a totally weakened monarchy." Which, of course, makes it easier for ministers to use (or, as Whelan would claim, misuse) the "royal prerogative" without adequate checks. "There is no strong power, independent of Parliament, to investigate the things that go badly wrong in Parliament itself."

All these arguments are aired in the play. But inevitably it will be the titillation factor of seeing royals portrayed in distress that will keep the Birmingham Rep turnstiles clicking merrily next week. Whelan, meanwhile, would be happy enough to see his drama turn into a crisis — but not just yet. "We knew we ought to hurry up and stage the work, especially after the Princess's *Panorama*," he says cheerfully. "Otherwise we might have found ourselves in a republic already."

● Divine Right *is in preview from tonight at the Birmingham Rep (0121-236 4455), and opens on Tuesday*



# All's well that ends ill

**Endgame**
Donmar

If you had looked behind the pocked and pitted scarp that was the late Samuel Beckett's face, you might have found something like the room Rae Smith has designed for his *Endgame*: black walls, one yellowy window, one whitish window, thin grey light that darkens as the day unrolls, and two streaked dustbins that turn out to contain the antique parents of blind Hamm, who sits in a shabby armchair, presiding over the murk like a derelict Pluto over a rundown section of Hades. "I shall always be depressed," Beckett once said; and to see Katie Mitchell's grimly humorous revival is to believe him.

What does *Endgame* mean? If you are tempted to give a confident answer, you should note a typically sardonic exchange between Alun Armstrong's Hamm and his slave Clov, here a painfully loping hunchback played by Stephen Dillane. "We're not beginning to mean something?" "Mean something, you and I? Ah, that's a good one." Significance for Beckett's characters tends to be their own insignificance; meaning is a lack of meaning that, if they do not wish to add to their existing torments, they would do well to accept.

Still, Beckett did tell the Hamm in a German revival of *Endgame* he himself directed that he was "a king in a chess game lost from the start. Now at the end he makes a few loud, senseless moves as only a bad player would. A good one would have given up long ago. He is only trying to delay the inevitable end." In other words, he cannot see that death and oblivion are better options than struggle and pain. As Beckett also said, Hamm's folly is that he persists in "saying 'no' to nothingness".

Cheerful stuff, eh? The play is certainly harsher than *Waiting for Godot*, whose characters display a certain resilience as they mooch about counting their unhatched chickens. Yet isn't there a certain exhilaration in the company of a dramatist not only unafraid of looking into the void but actually ready to welcome it? Certainly, I found a possibly masochistic pleasure in watching Armstrong's king, isolated on the chessboard of life, blunder his way towards recognising that surrender is his only dignified recourse.

Armstrong comes with a white-greenish face, stubble on the chin, a vile black overcoat, and a grinding northern accent. The impression he gives is of some tyrannical, grasping old mill-owner who has lost everything to the bailiffs except a few pathetic oddments: a dirty handkerchief, the long pole with which he ineptly tries to punt his chair, the ludicrous stuffed toy he pretends is his adoring pet dog. He rasps, sneers and snaps as his mood swings from anger to self-pity to a scorn that embraces his family, the world, a God who cannot be bothered so much as to exist, and himself.

Dillane, limping about in a caretaker's brown coat, makes a rather muted, reticent Clov, although his outbursts of indignation are the more forceful for being few. There are also striking performances from inside the parental dustbins. Eileen Nicholas's Nell mostly goes in for stricken bewilderment; Harry Jones's Nagg, armed with a long red nose that juts over his home's rim, comes across as a jauntily decrepit blend of Rumpelstiltskin and Mr Punch.

Between Hamm and Clov there is little but bitterness, but between these two pieces of decaying human debris there is an affection, curiously touching in its way. Love, you feel, does vestigially exist. Maybe there is a chink in *Endgame*'s pessimism after all.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

# In an unholy trinity

THIS is the third play by Franz Xaver Kroetz to be shown in the Haymarket Studio, and I do not know that any other British company is producing him at all. Since 1970 he has written more than 30 plays.

His first experience of popular success came in 1978 with this steady-eyed study of the Meier family: husband, wife and teenage son Ludwig. Among the reasons for this may have been that its conclusion appears to be at least two-thirds hopeful. Mother and son are reaching towards fulfilment and, if our last sight of Otto Meier is of a man with his despairing head sunk on the kitchen table, his wife has uttered the line that marks out what he must do: learn to take care of himself.

**Mensch Meier**
Leicester

In the context of the play, and this is 1978, the solution for Ludwig and Martha is a job. Many of the play's opening scenes have Otto contemptuously dismissing his son as workshy. "You're never going to amount to anything," he snarls. In fact, the boy wants to start work as a bricklayer, which eventually he does, but his parents berate him for failing to climb the next rung in the workforce ladder. Otto has never amounted to more than a pair of hands on an assembly line.

Martha swaps her fatuous house-cleaning for work in a department store — but wait, she describes this as a boring job. And will Ludwig have become his father in another 20 years? Kroetz's play is not as simple as some of its apparent exhortations suggest and, in Otto's frenzied mimickry of his job, he presents himself first as an extension of the machinery — his wife assumes he has gone mad — then as no more than a human screwdriver. He gasps in a life choked with emptiness.

On Simon Frearson's wide set, unadorned except for a Jimi Hendrix poster in Ludwig's room, Marlow's shrewd direction conveys the family alienation by the looks in the characters' eyes as clearly as in the lines they speak. She hints at the shades of the prison-house by encouraging Paul Hamilton and Sadie Shimmin to use a drier tone than young Daniel Brocklebank.

Only in Otto's existential rages and their opposite, rapturously flying model aircraft, can he reach a truer self. The cast's skill at creating a prickly family trinity is outstanding.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERTS: Flawless *Acis* on the South Bank; Birtwistle and his acolytes

# Turning the Handel on perfection

**Acis and Galatea**
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THERE could hardly be a more cruel contrast than that between the 18th-century country home of Canons for which Handel wrote his *Acis and Galatea* and the concrete wastes of the South Bank where it was performed on Wednesday. But this was a performance to cherish all year long.

Trevor Pinnock achieved a near-perfect, living balance between the keen imaginative visualisations of each passing image and the breathing of the long, evolving melody which carries them. The English Concert orchestra and chorus were joined by four soloists who seemed in perfect accord with the work.

Acis and Galatea, sea-nymph and lover-turned-river, found their true metamorphoses in the voices of Hans Peter Blochwitz and Barbara Bonney. Inextricable from the oboe's billing and cooing in *As when the dove*, or mellifluously heralding Mozart in *Heart, the seat of soft delight*, Bonney's soprano never ceased to be just that.

Blochwitz revelled in Handel's supple setting of Dryden's wonderfully spare yet varied prosody. His ornamenting in the final return of *Where shall I seek the charming fair?* led the line up hill and down dale, and his *Love sounds th'alarm* was cunningly restrained in tempo so as to sharpen its rhythmic edge. Jeremy White's Polyphemus could have been more volcanic, but his accomplished bass chose to enjoy his bumbling folly rather than erupt in violence. As Damon, Rufus Müller was as honey-tongued in flattery as his accompanying oboe.

It is a long time since the QEH has heard such an eloquent silence as that which followed the chorus *Mourn, all ye muses*. At Acis's death, all creation seemed to weep with the hushed, tapering phrases shaped by Pinnock's fingertips. Here, and in the orchestral *Larghetto* prelude to Act II, with a pair of theorbos stroking its dotted rhythms and shifting metres into submission, the unique beauty of this performance was revealed.

HILARY FINCH

# Teacher and taut

**Lontano/ Martinez**
Purcell Room

IN THE second event in the South Bank's Harrison Birtwistle Retrospective, Odaline de la Martinez's ensemble, Lontano, presented music by three generations of composers. Works by Birtwistle were juxtaposed with compositions by Silvina Milstein and Robert Keeley, two lecturers at King's College, London, and short pieces by their students.

For Birtwistle's *Pulse Sampler*, an austere essay in the interaction of pulse and melody for solo oboe and claves, Melinda Maxwell, the oboist for whom the work was written, moved between four music stands, while Simon Limbrick sat cross-legged on the floor facing her, reading from right to left in order to parallel her movements. Virtually non-stop virtuosity is demanded from the oboist, and Maxwell provided that.

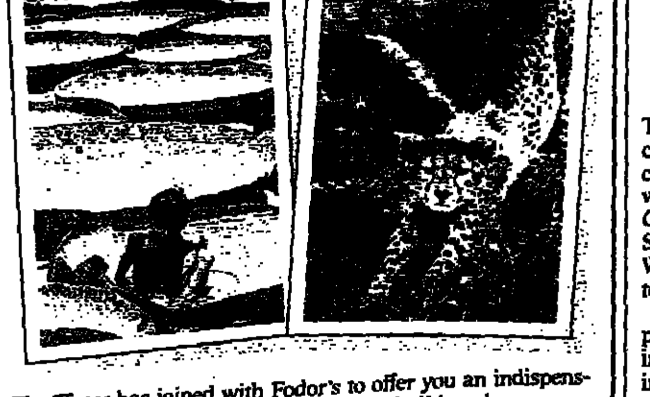
Birtwistle's *La plage*, enigmatically replicates the structure of a Robbe-Grillet story by alternating eight instrumental "arias" with seven epigrammatic utterances by the solo soprano. Andrew Sparling, Sue Gill and Sam Lee provided the attenuated lines on three clarinets, while Sarah Leonard crooned the text fragments *sotto voce*.

Milstein's engrossing *Psalm Concerning the Castle* uses a scarcely more accessible text (a poem by Denise Levertov), unashamedly defying intelligibility further by stretching out the opening lines in perpetual melisma. Leonard negotiated this with [illegible]

Problematic as the scheme of Birtwistle's *Entr'actes and Sapphic Fragments* is — an unhappy conflation of two separate works — it has an integrity of sorts, as revealed by Leonard's atmospheric performance with Lontano. The sharp, bright colours and bird calls of Robert Keeley's *Quetzalli* inevitably evoked Messiaen — and were none the worse for that.

Of the student works, I most enjoyed Ross Lorraine's *Melos*, with its long-breathed melody gradually coalescing from fragments.

BARRY MILLINGTON



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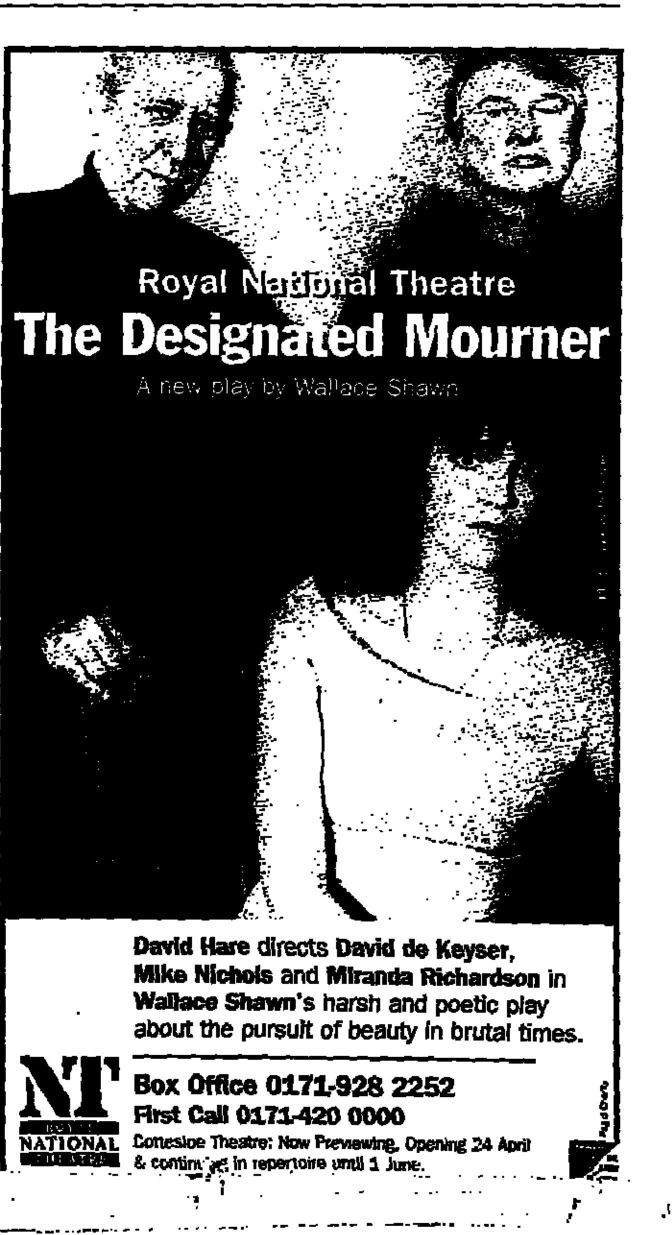

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**But do the Irish five-piece Scheer have the firepower they need to equal the success of the Cranberries?**

# Tricky by nature but not by name

NEW RELEASES: **David Sinclair** slips from a hard place to soft rock and chooses his single of the week

**In too deep: Tricky won a legion of devoted admirers with *Maxinquaye*, but his latest album full of dense, atmospheric tracks will have them reaching for the aspirin bottle**

**NEARLY GOD**
*Nearly God*
(Durban Poison/Fourth & Broadway/Island)

THE new Tricky album in all but name, *Nearly God* was recorded a year ago, at which point Tricky himself was certainly under the impression it would be his next bona fide release. It is a collection of mood music so dark and unfathomable that the marketing department of his record company are not the only ones likely to find it a headache.

By presenting the album as an extracurricular "project" under the Nearly God pseudonym, rather than as a follow-up to his extraordinary and compelling debut, *Maxinquaye*, wiser heads have at least ensured that the burden of expectation is reduced. But the new album is still beset by a numbing sense of ennui that even the faithful will find hard to swallow.

Despite contributions from a host of guest singers including Björk and Alison Moyet, it is Tricky's muffled croak which dominates the album. Numbers such as *Keep Your Mouth Shut* and *Tattoo* marry minimalist snippets of instrumentation and slow, clanking bass and percussion loops to vocal performances submerged beneath a ton of echoey studio effects. Despite some bold ideas, and a sexy blast from Neneh Cherry on the bluesy *Together Now*, mystery quickly gives way to monotony more often than not.

*Nearly God* may be hailed as a bleak and "difficult" masterpiece in more impressionable quarters. But do not blame me if you find it gathering dust at the back of a shelf in six months' time.

**MARK MORRISON**
*Return of the Mack*
(WEA 0630-14586)

WITH his bald head, black leathers and hawser-thick gold chain, Mark Morrison looks every inch a modern soul superstar cast in the R Kelly mould. The only kink in the image — apart from the handcuffs he is brandishing suggestively on the cover of *Return of the Mack* — is that he comes not from the Bronx but from Leicester.

Sounding like the much-missed Larry Blackmon of Cameo on purposeful swing-beat-funk tracks such as *Crazy* and the slower, more sensitive groove of *I Really Love You*, Morrison performs with panache and stakes a convincing claim to the Brit-soul crown (who is the current holder, incidentally?). Subtlety, however, is not the man's strong suit, and the forthright lyrics to numbers such as *Moan and Groan*, *Let's Get Down* and, er, *Horny* tend towards the indelicate.

**RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE**
*Evil Empire*
(Epic 481026)

DELICACY is not even in the lexicon as far as politico-rap-metal combo Rage Against The Machine are concerned. "The rotten sore on the face of Mother Earth gets bigger," Zack De La Rocha yells in the same apoplectic pitch of voice that he applies to every track on *Evil Empire*. As on their debut, the object of all this rage is America, a place which these Californian rich kids continue to portray as a seething hell-on-earth, and getting worse.

Oddly, or perhaps not, their ultra-extremist manifesto is linked to the most reactionary of musical impulses. Although substantially goosed up and given a funky tweak, the earth-moving riffs of *Tire Me* and *Revolver* are little different from the sort of protoype heavy-metal chops that Robin Trower and Black Sabbath used to deploy in the 1960s.

The sound is awesome but the po-faced, one-dimensional stance quickly becomes tiresome. They should get like the Beastie Boys and think of some jokes.

**HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH**
Fairweather Johnson
*(Atlantic 7567-82886)*

MODEST, unpretentious, hard-working and steeped in the traditional values of American soft rock — it does not take a genius to figure out why Hootie & the Blowfish failed to set fire to a British market besotted with the rowdy antics of the Oasis-Blur axis. In America, of course, Hootie & the Blowfish are a raging phenomenon that makes the whole Britpop phenomenon seem like a drop across the ocean.

*Fairweather Johnson*, the follow-up to their 13-million-selling album *Cracked Rear View*, is another confident, easy-going collection of adult-rock tunes that combine rootsy touches of accordion and mandolin with a staple guitar, bar-band sound.

Darius Rucker's voice has a gruffer, more soulful edge to it than before, calling to mind the bluesy tone of Gregg Allman on *Be The One* and *Honeyscrew*.

"I can't explain what it is that I believe in," he sings on the latter, a line which illuminates the rather limp emotional core of this pleasant but undemanding album.

# This season's Cranberries?

**TOP SINGLE**

**SCHEER**
*Wish You Were Dead*
(4AD BAD 6005)

A FIVE-PIECE band from Londonderry, Scheer are clearly aiming to replicate the success that the Cranberries achieved in America, which is where their debut album, *Infliction*, will be released a good month before it is available here. And if this single is anything to go by, they have the means to do it.

Combining a fashionably bleak sentiment with a dense guitar attack, *Wish You Were Dead* is a song that swirls and crashes like a heavy sea pounding against rocks. But it is Audrey Gallagher's vocal, a performance strong and sensual enough to make a grown man swoon, that clinches the deal.

The three B-sides, including a slick but rampaging guitar instrumental called *Cannon* and a radically slowed-down version of Blondie's *Hanging on the Telephone*, add further dimensions to a dark and powerful story.

**Scheer — first stop America, and only then Britain**

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| 5 | **Second Toughest . . .** | Underworld (Junior Boy's Own) |
| 6 | **Expecting to Fly** | Bluetones (Superior Quality) |
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# No way to treat a satellite

**Tasmin Archer**
Bloomsbury, WC1

IN 1992 Tasmin Archer's career was launched with a No 1 single, *Sleeping Satellite*, followed by *Great Expectations*, a debut album that spent nine months in the charts, and a Brit Award.

After a long absence, Archer, has re-emerged with the admirably mature album, *Bloom*. But despite positive reviews, the record has misfired badly in commercial terms. It is as if the novelty has worn off, and as she took the stage again at this downbeat, less than sold out London show, she must have wondered where everyone had gone.

Playing with five men of sober attire and demeanour, including Pete Thomas of the Attractions on drums, Archer was unable to shake much reaction from a stiff-limbed audience. Good as her performance was, potent as her songs can be, the reception was fuzzy, the atmosphere uncharged, not helped by Archer's curious garb, a short, buttoned-up jacket over an extraordinary voluminous dress that made her look like a cricket umpire loaded with the jumpers of the whole XI.

She chose to revive just three songs from the first album, among them a still rousing *In Your Care* and a robust performance of the chart topper that has become her double-edged sword. But splendid new songs such as *After Hell* and *Give In With Grace* are simply too distinguished for the discount bin. Archer deserves a better fate than commercial slings and arrows.

PAUL SEXTON

# Take her home, James

**Margarita Pracatan**
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THERE are people who adore Julian Clary, grown-ups who laugh at *The Big Breakfast*, couch potatoes who find Clive James devastatingly witty. *Clive Davis writes.* All of this I can just about forgive. What is truly beyond comprehension is the cult of Margarita Pracatan, the part-time Cuban "singer" plucked from the well-deserved obscurity of New York's public access cable channels.

Discovered by a researcher on James's BBC show, this gaudily attired extrovert has become a fixture on the programme, shrieking her way through pop songs while beating a Yamaha keyboard into submission. Back home she sells men's underwear in Saks Fifth Avenue. Here she is treated as a sub-Edna Everage superstar.

James himself, cranking up his laborious one-liners, was on hand to introduce her. Pink feather boas were dotted around the auditorium; the stage decor resembled a giant version of Carmen Miranda's headwear. The audience was determined to wallow in kitsch and camp.

But as an exercise in post-modernist irony, Pracatan is not much of a cultural-studies icon. Her caterwauling, her extravagant accent, her fumbling with the programmed backing track on her keyboard — these are mildly amusing for all of four minutes.

She starts a regional tour next month: a live album is already available. The woman seems likely to be with us for some time yet. A dreary prospect? You bet your sweet potatoes, honey.

# The Nelson touch

JAZZ ALBUMS: A Fifties star adds her Nineties voice to arrangements buried for years – and it works

**ROSEMARY CLOONEY**
*Dedicated to Nelson*
(Concord CCD-4685)

WHILE her actor son, George, sets female pulses racing all over the country in the television medics series *ER*, Rosemary Clooney's extraordinary indian summer shows no sign of abating.

The dedicatee on her big band outing — as if you needed to be told — is the late Nelson Riddle, arranger and orchestrator par excellence.

Forty years ago, in the days when she was a regular fixture in the pop charts, Clooney had a television show of her own, for which Riddle supplied the scores.

In what amounts to a remarkable feat of musical archaeology, the singer's long-serving musical director John Oddo has exhumed tapes of the show, transcribed the original arrangements and refurbished them with solo passages.

The Riddle imprint is immediately apparent on *A Foggy Day*, in the deft voicings for the reeds and the subtle figures that embellish the vocals. *As Time Goes By* receives similarly urbane treatment, Riddle finding infinite variations on the theme. Clooney, of course, is no longer the pristine songbird of old, which is exactly what has made her comeback albums so rewarding. The voice — crumpled and lived in and a little rough around the edges — touches new depths in almost every lyric.

**RANDY WESTON**
*Saga*
(Verve 529237)

THE more disciplined dimension of Randy Weston's multicultural art was on display in the 1993 mini-big band set *Volcano Blues*, on which Melba Liston provided the orchestral framework.

*Saga* proves to be altogether a more freewheeling affair, with Weston encouraging his septet, Mingus-like, to add their own spontaneous contributions.

No one should be surprised then, if the results are more uneven, but the presence of the tenor player Benny Harper, altoist Talib Kibwe and, especially, the exuberant drummer Billy Higgins makes this an exhilarating seat-of-the-pants flight into the unknown.

CLIVE DAVIS

### ■ POP 5

It's hip to vote. The great American campaign arrives in Britain, with the full backing of rock's aristocracy

### ■ CHOICE 1

Rostropovich leads the cheers for Menuhin's 80th birthday

VENUE: Tomorrow at the Albert Hall

THE TIMES ARTS POP

### ■ CHOICE 2

Yuri Bashmet brings his Moscow Soloists to Britain

VENUE: Tomorrow at the Barbican

### ■ CHOICE 3

Gluck gets the period-instrument treatment in Bristol

VENUE: Tonight at St George's, Brandon Hill

X and drugs and rock' n' roll. Voting is cool . . . and you get the chance to change the world

# Politics? Join the party

Well, obviously, politics aren't cool. There is no release, no beauty, no mystery about these things — just grim, worrying drudgery as you start to work out where you stand on various issues, and *why* you stand where you do on various issues. It's like housework — thankless little tasks that don't seem to be as hugely important to your development as a human being as, say, writing a super-glory novel or fire-bright poetry would be. But one of the principal tenets of the *super-sorted Shinto Buddhists* is that God is in housework — that as you wash dishes and pair off socks, you also attend to the disorder in your mind; and those whose homes are a temple to mess have weak and tangled minds.

And so it is with politics — a once or twice-yearly trudge to the voting booth that appears to offer no reward, but in reality allows you just a little time to steer yourself and the world in the right direction. Lazy anarchists who spend polling day in front of *Newsnight* giggling, under the illusion that being apolitical divorces you from the herd, have got it all wrong. To be apolitical is to *be* political — to ignore your right to vote is to allow those who *do* vote to dictate the political climate, and directly affect *your* life and *your* rights.

Forty-three per cent of people under 25 didn't vote in the last election — that's 2.8 million votes. A combination of electoral roll-dodging after the poll-tax debacle, disaffection with mainstream politics, and time-consuming worrying about Primal Scream's follow-up to *Screamadelica* meant that the result of the 1992 elections was generally dictated by older, more dutiful generations.

Over in America, however, it was a different story: there the Rock the Vote organisation, led by Pearl Jam, REM, Madonna and Nirvana, encouraged more than four million young Americans to register for their vote — something which the Clinton Administration acknowledged as turning the election in its favour.

Encouraged by this success, Rock the Vote has crossed the pond in time for our next general election, and the new rock aristocracy has thrown its full weight behind the scheme. It's an idea whose time has manifestly come — Noel Gallagher's only coherent comment over the past six months that doesn't involve guitars, "the Weller" or how he and Liam used to be "lads" has been on his young fans' duty to vote for Tony Blair. When politics has invaded even Oasis's world of weeping hotel managers and hysterical American girls in hot-pants, the time has truly come when politics can re-enter pop without making both parties look embarrassed.

Rock the Vote
I want *my* say in how this country is run

Mobilising the masses: Martin Rossiter of Gene and comedian Eddie Izzard want you to swell their postbag

CAITLIN MORAN

Comedian Eddie Izzard, working as a spokesman and fundraiser for Rock the Vote, is at pains to emphasise the non-partisan nature of the organisation. "Vote Tory, vote Labour, vote Lib-Dem, vote Monster Raving Twix-up-my-Nose, vote for Kathy from *EastEnders*; it doesn't matter who you vote for," he explains. "Just use your vote. A lot of people got in a bit of a groove after the poll tax rebellion — 'Ah-ha! I have just avoided registering on the electoral roll, and therefore not paid my poll tax. I will now not pay for my gas, or my phone, and I will take these magazines from W.H. Smith and ignore the cashier on my way out.' And some people simply forgot to register themselves after the poll tax was abolished. So Rock the Vote has come up with these nifty postcards." He throws one across the table. "You fill in your name, address and date of birth on one side, send them Freepost to us, and we pass them on to your council and register you. It's a simple, fuss-free, Pot Noodle way of voting."

Radiohead's Ed O'Brien agrees. "Most people simply don't know *how* to register — especially if they move around a lot, like you do when you're young. Most of the bands involved in Rock the Vote will be distributing the Freepost postcards at their gigs — and with the Boo Radleys, us, Pulp, Blur, Pet Shop Boys, Suede, Gene aand the Stone Roses joining in, plus the comedians doing the Rock the Vote tour at the moment, it's bound to make a big impact at the next general election."

● *The* Rock the Vote *tour is at Liverpool Royal Court tonight and Southampton Guildhall on Sunday*

## WEEKEND CHOICE

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey**

### LONDON

**BIRTHDAY BASH** The ever-youthful **Yehudi Menuhin** is celebrating his 80th birthday at a royal gala concert tomorrow in aid of the Yehudi Menuhin School and Live Music Now. Anne-Sophie Mutter, Samuel Ramey and *Mstislav Rostropovich* are among the luminaries joining the Royal Philharmonic and Yehudi Menuhin School Orchestra for Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations*, Mozart's Violin Concerto No 5 and Elgar's splendid *Enigma Variations*.
**Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). 7pm. ♿

**AT THE BARBICAN**: The charismatic violist Yuri Bashmet directs the **Moscow Soloists** (tomorrow, 7.30pm) in works by Britten, Stravinsky, Dvořák and Prokofiev. Sunday afternoon (3.30pm) sees Michael Tilson Thomas conducting the **London Symphony Orchestra** in four works by Stravinsky, with Ravel's *Piano Concerto for Left Hand* (Jean-Yves Thibaudet) and the Suite from *Daphnis and Chloe*.
**Barbican**, Silk Street (0171-638 8891)

### ELSEWHERE

**BIRMINGHAM:** The **Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra** performs the sweeping melodies and massive climaxes of the Sibelius symphonic repertoire over a series of three concerts this weekend. Neeme Järvi is at the podium.
**Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, Sunday, 2.30pm. ♿

**BRISTOL:** Stephen Barlow conducts the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** in the first act of Gluck's vividly dramatic opera, *Iphigénie*, with the mezzo-soprano Susan Parry. Antony Pay joins them for Mozart's sublime Clarinet Concerto, and a striking symphony by Kozeluch completes the programme.
**St George's**, Brandon Hill (0117 923 0359). Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

**HOVE**: A unique opportunity to see paintings from **Boudin to Dufy**, on loan from the Musée des Beaux Arts in Le Havre, including choice works by Monet, Pissarro and Sisley. It opens here today before going on tour to Southampton, Sheffield and Wolverhampton.
**Museum and Art Gallery**, New Church Road, BN3 (01273). Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2-5pm. Until June 2 ♿

### LONDON GALLERIES

**Barbican**: Contemporary Print Show Part 1 (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Beirut: Uncovering the Past (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld**: Thomas Gainsborough (071-873 2526) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Faces of the 80s (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Frederic Leighton (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Jean-Michel Basquiat (0171-723 9072) . . . **Tate**: *Cezanne (0171-887 8000)*

## THEATRE GUIDE

**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

■ **House full, returns only**
▨ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **COMPANY**. *Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson* in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra.
**Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

▨ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and *Edward Peel* and *Susan Engel* as the pillars of society.
**Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

▨ **THE PRINCE'S PLAY** Ken Stott plays the Rigoletto role in Victor Hugo's *Le Roi s'Amuse* transposed to Victorian London by Tony Harrison, with the Prince of Wales as the cool philanderer. Richard Eyre directs.
**National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm; mat 2pm. Then Sat-Wed 7.15pm. In rep with *A Little Night Music* ♿

▨ **ROMEO AND JULIET**: Lucy Whybrow's Juliet gathered the best reviews when Adrian Noble's production opened in Stratford last year.
**Barbican**, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm; mat Sat 2pm. Opens Apr 23. Then in rep. ♿

☐ **SALAD DAYS**: Welcome return of *Julian Slade's* tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and the Widow.
**Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

☐ **THE SHATTERED VESSEL**. Opening night for Kleist's comedy about a venal judge, usually translated as *The Broken Jug*, in a production by News from Verona combining people and puppets.
**Riverside Studios**, Crisp Rd, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2251). Tonight, 8.15pm. Then Tue-Thurs, Sat and Sun 7.45pm, Fri 8.15pm.

■ **SKYLIGHT**: Outstanding playing by *Michael Gambon* and *Lia Williams* in David Hare's dramatisation of society's conflicts in the form of a prickly reunion between two lovers.
**Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 3pm.

☐ **TARTUFFE**. Ian McDiarmid and Tom Hollander, with Peggy Mount for good measure, in Jonathan Kent's production of Molière's tart comedy on religious follies.
**Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Apr 23, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. Until June 15 ♿

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

### NEW RELEASES

◆ **BEFORE AND AFTER** (12): Drama with Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson as parents of a teenager accused of murder. Director, Barbet Schroder.
**Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057)

**SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
**Everyman** ♿ (0171-435 1525) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** ♿ (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy extravaganza from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus. With Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt.
**Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ♿ (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

**UNZIPPED** (15): Exuberant documentary about fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi as he creates a new collection. Director, Douglas Keeve.
**MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

### CURRENT

◆ **BROKEN ARROW** (15): John Travolta steals nuclear weapons, Christian Slater tries to get them back. Brainless action movie by John Woo.
**MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **MIGHTY APHRODITE** (15): Woody Allen searches for his adopted son's natural mother. Engaging variation on old themes, with Mira Sorvino.
**Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

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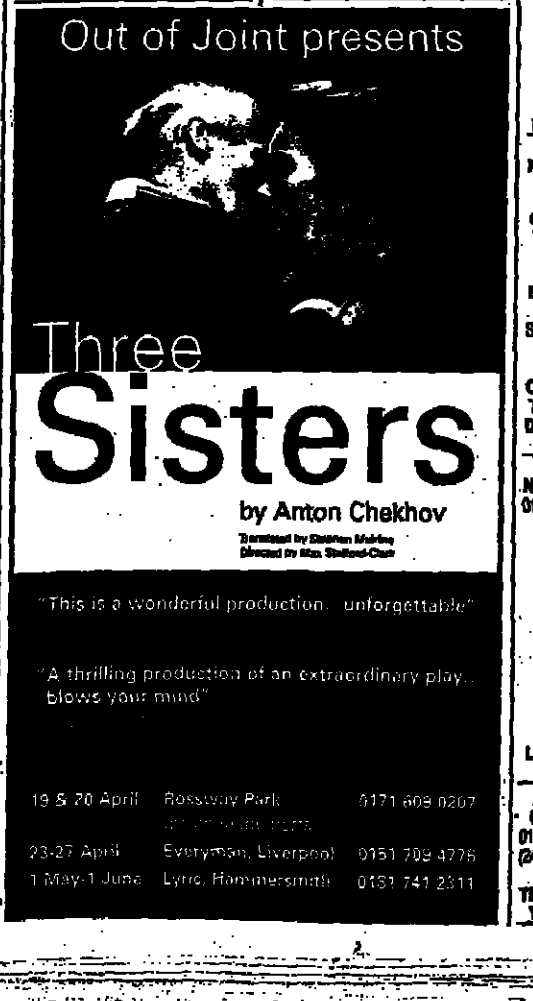

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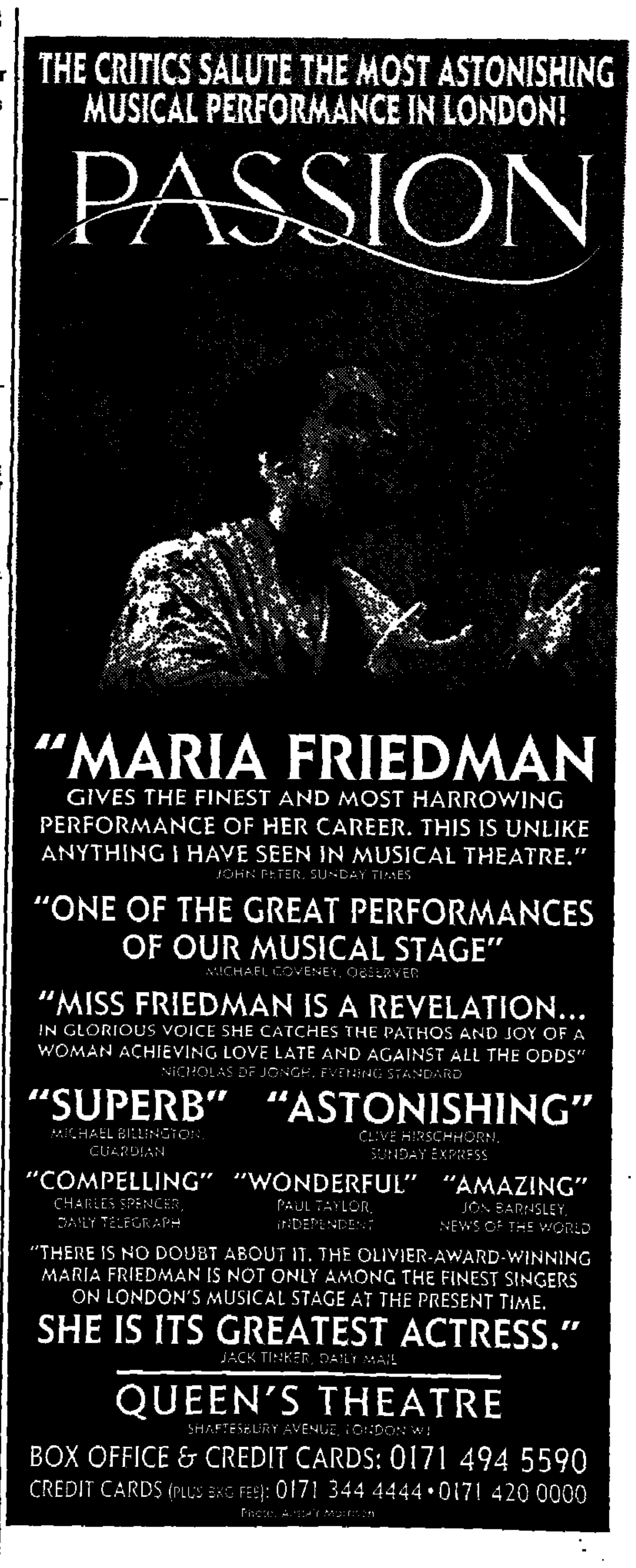

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# Standards in schools: the great debate

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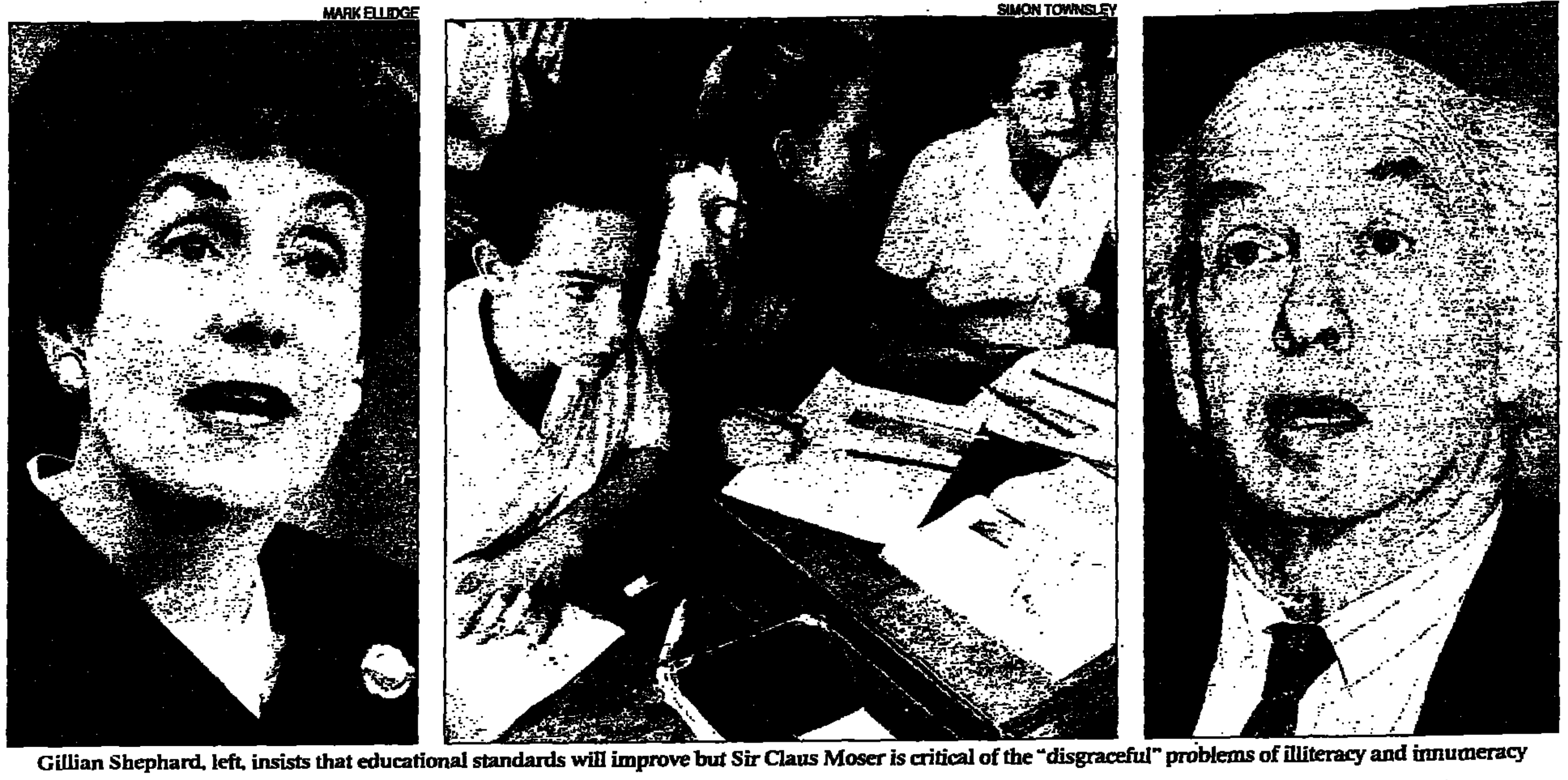

Gillian Shephard, left, insists that educational standards will improve but Sir Claus Moser is critical of the "disgraceful" problems of illiteracy and innumeracy

## **Gillian Shephard,** the Secretary of State, claims the Government's education policies are bearing fruit

I have always felt that we, as a nation, paid too little attention to educational issues. This is thankfully no longer true. They are now one of the main topics of interest and debate throughout the country. Most recently Sir Claus Moser has set out a "programme of priorities" for education which will make a significant contribution to the debate.

This growth of interest is much due to the Government's concern for educational issues and particularly for standards. Since we took office in 1979 we have put in place a series of measures to raise standards — involving structures, processes, content and quality control.

We now have a rich diversity of schools — grammar, church, LEA, grant-maintained, educating three-quarters of a million pupils, city technology colleges and, most recently, *specialist schools* (we now have more than 150 of these).

Parents have been given *choice* between these schools and the right to receive the *information* which enables them to make that choice on an informed basis.

This restructuring is fundamental because choice and diversity in themselves help to raise standards.

We dealt with the essential *content* of education — what is actually taught in schools — by introducing the national curriculum. For the first time, we have defined what children ought to know at certain ages

Quality control is ensured by testing at 7, 11 and 14 — checking that subjects are being taught properly and that children are making progress. And quality is further enhanced by the schools inspectorate, Ofsted, set up in 1992. We are now in the middle of a programme which aims to inspect every primary and secondary school in a four-year cycle.

Much has been done. But we know that standards are not yet high enough — through testing and inspection we now have real evidence, a basis on which to put things right. Inspection has shown that one in five lessons and some 15,000 teachers are unsatisfactory. Evidence from the OECD shows that although we are ahead in some respects — having, for example, the second highest graduation rate in Europe — in other areas we are behind our competitors, participation at post-16, for example.

Since I have been at the Department my overriding priority has been to continue to drive up standards, working on all fronts: structure, process, content and quality control. The tests have shown, for example, that we need to focus even more sharply on the basic skills of literacy and numeracy. So the revised curriculum, which I brought in last year, does just that. We are making the curriculum and tests more rigorous and from September 1997 we will have a nationwide network of 25 literacy and numeracy centres, dealing with local schools to improve the basic skills.

This approach applies throughout the age range. The new nursery initiative, which started this week, will, in time, give every four-year-old the right to good quality publicly funded nursery education with parental choice at its centre.

Rigour and excellence are being *reinforced throughout the system.* Sir Ron Dearing's *review of 16 to 19-year-olds'* education will strengthen the A-level examination; our recent substantial expansion of the Assisted Places Scheme provides another 4,000 places *in excellent schools* for children who would otherwise not have this opportunity.

Nothing is more fundamental to raising standards than high quality teaching. We have defined the skills and knowledge we expect from all new teachers. Ofsted and the Teacher Training Agency (TTA), established in 1994, are drawing up a quality framework to judge training courses against those outcomes. Ofsted will report publicly on the standards of training — and the TTA is following up those reports. Funding is now linked to quality — and poor providers may lose their right to train teachers. Good ones will be able to expand.

These measures are raising the standards of the 20,000 or so new entrants to teaching each year — but we also have a raft of measures to help our 400,000 serving teachers to give of their best. From now on inspectors will report particularly good or bad teaching to head teachers, *to help them to identify their schools' strengths and weaknesses.* Good performance can thus be recognised, and teachers who need help identified. The TTA is making sure that the £400 million spent each year on *in-service* training is correctly targeted.

The ultimate success of any organisation depends on the quality of its head. Teaching is no exception. That is why I have introduced a new National Professional Qualification for Headteachers. This will do much to raise the quality of headship. The recent Ofsted report on target-setting illustrated how many schools have improved by setting themselves targets. We will build on that and encourage more schools to use target-setting, benchmarking and other good management practices.

This is not glamorous or eye-catching, it is hard slog. But it is the way to win the battle for higher standards, and that we are determined to do. Indeed we have no choice. Higher standards are essential, not only for the success and fulfilment of the individual, but also for the competitiveness of the nation.

## A study out this week says the reforms have failed. **David Charter** reports

An important American study of the school system published this week concluded that the Government's education reforms had largely failed to raise standards in the classroom.

The Carnegie Foundation found no clear evidence of improvements since the national curriculum was introduced in 1988, although it said the recently slimmed-down version "has a good chance of success".

It also warned American policy-makers against the idea of grant-maintained status for schools because it risked a fragmented, two-tier education system.

The report came in the week that another broadside was fired at the Government's record in education by Sir Claus Moser, founder of the National Commission on Education. In a speech at the Royal Society of Arts, he criticised the "serious and disgraceful" problems of illiteracy and innumeracy, as well as "appalling school conditions in which so many children spend their lives".

Sir Claus concluded that standards had fallen further since he called in 1990 for a Royal Commission on education because of a crisis over achievement.

If anything, the Carnegie Foundation report is more optimistic. Kathryn Stearns, a senior analyst at the foundation, spent several months visiting schools and interviewing teachers, administrators and education experts for the 94-page report, *School Reform: Lessons from England.*

She concluded: "There is little evidence that the national curriculum, local management, grant-maintained schools and school choice have significantly raised standards." The rapid pace of change in England, which brought turmoil to schools and a teacher boycott of tests, should serve as "warning bell" for the United States.

There was, however, praise for the way greater control over budgets was given to head teachers and governors. "Schools generally appear cleaner and brighter than before the introduction of local management, because refurbishments are not delayed."

However, the full handover of financial control to grant-maintained schools was criticised. "Autonomy has its merits, but schools serve the public best when they collaborate within a regional system dedicated to a common purpose." The movement of grant-maintained schools to introduce selection or other restrictive enrolment policies was likely to lead to "a two-tier system of best and second-best".

The report said that wider consultation with parents and teachers before the Education Reform Act of 1988 would have prevented the enormous waste of money and time on an initially unpopular and over-prescriptive national curriculum. "The mistake cost the Government time, trust, and considerable sums of money."

Despite the reduction of the curriculum's content last year, the report found there was still too little time for English and mathematics at primary schools.

Although "stark differences" in achievement at similar schools had not yet been eradicated, there were now many signs that the curriculum was beginning to have a positive effect. The curriculum had been used as a national discussion document which had led to a close examination of teachers' approach and what students ought to know. "This impromptu exercise has been invaluable," said the report. "Against all odds, the curriculum seems to be succeeding."

The doctrine of parental choice came in for particular criticism in the study. Ms Stearns said: "England's Conservative Party extols the power of parents to choose their children's schools. But the reality is somewhat different from the rhetoric. Most students continue to attend their local neighbourhood schools."

A spokeswoman for the Department for Education and Employment said it did not use the term parental choice but talked of parental preference. "We realise people may not get their first choice but the reforms have introduced the fact that parents can make a preference which they could not before."

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said: "This report highlights the need for a coherent partnership approach towards raising standards in the future which this Government has failed to do."

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A lesson in role-playing: speech and drama classes allow pupils to be someone else while keeping their own identity

# How do we create a fever for language?

## **Ruth Moore** says drama could be the key to the Better English Campaign

We all know that young people have plenty to say. *But do* they need the help of Trevor McDonald and the Better English Campaign to say it?

*All the students I questioned* this week were able to tell me what they would spend a lottery fortune on. Money, they believe, would give them the chance to have the life they want. They can all talk eagerly about this, yet what they do not accept is that the words they use can also provide them with opportunities in life. So how do we create language fever?

As I walked into my classroom last Monday morning and listened to conversations about football, weekend activities, computer software and a whole range of other interests, I knew that what I was working with was a highly articulate group of people. All of them communicated extremely effectively and there were certainly no grunts. To the outsider, however, these are probably the very students who are seen to be disadvantaged.

What about their use of spoken standard English? Can the same students who are discussing Newcastle United's title chances use standard forms in different situations? Are these skills that we need to be teaching? Standard English is a valuable addition, not a replacement for students' own language and every student should have access to it.

Teachers have always recognised this and drama, which allows students to be someone else while keeping their own identity, is a perfect way of doing it.

During a recent drama project on homelessness, my students had to role-play a formal public meeting concerning the building of a shelter in a residential area. Every student in the class had a different role and confidently used an appropriate variety of English. Students in Blyth achieve high standards of oral work and are certainly capable of using spoken standard English.

If young people are sophisticated language users, why are they not being seen to use standard forms in situations where it might be appropriate? The key to this is ownership. We all need to feel as if we own our own language.

If we return to the conversations in the classroom, we will find that they are restrictive. They deliberately "exclude" the adult, not just in content but in form. The students have their identity and sense of community. It is correct that we are excluded from it. Equally, students feel that spoken standard English belongs to someone else. Why would we buy a manual for a BMW if we are quite happy driving around in an old Mini, or, as is more likely, we never see the possibility of affording anything else?

We all know of situations where a group has used language to exclude outsiders. What we have to accept is that standard English has also been used in this way. Twenty years ago in Blyth, when many of the students left school to enter the mines or heavy industry, they did not see language as important, but more importantly, neither did politicians. Now, thankfully, it is an issue and the move towards inclusion is one that we can all support.

The Better English Campaign can do a lot to promote the benefits of using effective English, but we must recognise it as part of a much wider aim. People spend money on the lottery because they have a chance, however small, of winning. When young people believe that there is a society out there that they can be part of, a chance of success, they too will hold on to the use of spoken standard English.

A few weeks ago I returned to school after an operation. A 14-year-old boy stopped me in the corridor to ask if his class would be having drama again. When I said they would be, I was met with the "non-standard": "Agh mint, Miss." It may be argued that the student should have said, "That is very good Miss Moore", but I know which version made me feel most welcome to be back. If politicians questioned honestly which response they would prefer to have to their policies, we might all come to a better understanding of the real power that language has.

● *Ruth Moore is Second in English at Blyth Ridley High School, Northumberland, Chairwoman of NEATE (North East Association for the Teaching of English) and a member of the Better English Campaign steering group, writing here independently.*

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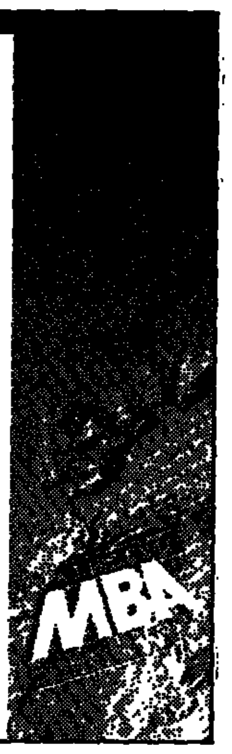

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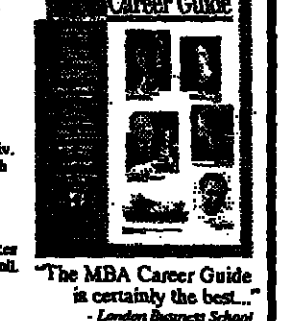

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# Time to dispel England's lofty outlook on Europe

**GERALD DAVIES**

Rugby Commentary

The Rugby Football Union should, with due modesty, consider modifying its grandiloquent name. To be styled the English Rugby Football Union would not only be more accurate but might also persuade its members and executive to view the rugby world from a less self-admiringly exalted position.

In the past 12 months, its high-handed behaviour has contrived to muster embarrassment over its captain, Will Carling, a mood of attrition among its own clubs and a lofty attitude to the European Cup.

As if this were not enough, it is now threatening to destroy the international structure of the European game. It is time that it came down from the clouds.

At the precise moment that the southern hemisphere countries — Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa — are about to fulfill their longstanding dream and embark on an annual tournament that they envisage as their own version of the five nations' tournament, the northern hemisphere countries, perversely, are tearing themselves apart.

To put the five nations' event in jeopardy, as England have conspired to do by wishing to negotiate their own television contract, is plainly obtuse. England, seduced by the bitch goddess — success — are claiming that she favours them more than others. Success is a fickle mistress, as Wales will willingly warn them: she winks one moment, turns her back the next.

It is for each union to determine what happens within its jurisdiction. The television contract, however, is different. What is for sale is not the space on a country's jersey or around the perimeter of the pitch. Indeed, it is not like one-off matches that England, as with non-five nations' contests, are entitled to package, sell and promote independently.

What is on offer is the five nations' championship. It is the championship in its entirety that is the so-called product, not any one game or any single country within it. In other words, a series of ten matches between five countries spread over a period of two months. For this to succeed, the agreement of everyone is required. Take any one away and it becomes a thing deformed.

To invoke the independence of France is somewhat disingenuous for there are very obvious cultural, legal and historical differences. At any rate, a full consortium of a five nations' television negotiating committee, not four, as was the case in the past, is already in place. Apparently France believe they will benefit more, financially, from being on the inside, not the outside.

England may very well care to think of themselves as the most significant of the constituent nations, but they would be misguided if they did. The championship would be the poorer for the absence of England but no more so than if any of the other nations were absent. This is the peculiar historical nature of the contest. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Nurturing a glorious and prestigious competition may now count for naught in the greedy chase for squalid cash. And what cash is there for England? Were they to be in the very regrettable position of being expelled from the championship, who would they play?

Might they replace these fixtures with one or two against the southern hemisphere nations before Christmas and further home and away matches against France, who might still decide to exert their independence, in the new year?

Playing other European countries, such as Spain or Romania, to make up a compendium of haphazard fixtures is hardly likely to entice the television companies or fill Twickenham.

These matches would have their own inherent interest but they could not possibly replace the cumulative tension and the swelling tide of the European championship. England cannot do without the championship just as the championship cannot do without England. There are no winners here.

England say they have a greater number of clubs to administer in comparison with, for example, Wales and Ireland. The population of these countries is the equivalent of New Zealand's, but would England dare present the same argument for a greater share of the spoils were New Zealand to be a part of such a tournament?

In the Tri-Series about to start in the southern hemisphere, the contract negotiated last year ensures that each country has an equal share of the proceeds, no matter that Australia has fewer clubs and players than both the other nations.

The five nations' championship is the jewel in the crown, as all the nations agree. England must surely see that it cannot be sold off in parts.

# Duo develop taste for Cannes greens

From Mel Webb in Cannes

ABSOLUTELY no luck of the Irish went the way of a couple of players from the Emerald Isle in the first round of the Cannes Open yesterday. Not that they needed any; they played the sort of golf in which good fortune is an unnecessary luxury.

A long day in the sun was still young when Paul McGinley, the first of them, strolled off the 18th green at Royal Mougins wearing the small smile of a man who has just visited the well and found it brimming over with vintage champagne.

With just one bogey on his card to preserve due humility, McGinley had scored 65, six under par, to share second place with Philip Walton, his compatriot, and Peter Mitchell, from Kent, a stroke behind Fernando Roca, of Spain, whose 64 equalled the course record. To say that he was pleased was to understate the case by a factor of about ten.

"I played beautifully," McGinley said, with the slightly immodest but understandable honesty that is born of a job done just about perfectly. "I putted well, which was the key, and my course management was really good. I never got out of position, kept giving myself chances, and the putting took care of the rest."

It did, too. The greens at Royal Mougins are heavily, occasionally grotesquely, contoured — Mark Roe, ever the man for the succinct one-liner, said it looked as if the course builders had buried elephants under them — but McGinley made them look like he was putting on a snooker table.

He lost no time in getting into his stride with birdies on the first two holes. On the 1st, he hit a nine-iron to six feet and confidently rolled in the putt. He did not make such a good job of his seven-iron approach on the next, but neither did he make a tiny drama into a crisis, holeing from 30 feet. Golf a difficult game? Not when it is played like this.

A five-iron to five feet at the 6th brought him another birdie, and three putts for a bogey on the 9th represented his sole error on the greens. There were further gains on the 10th and 12th, and a 35-footer at the 14th maintained the momentum. He concluded the entertainment for the day with his final birdie on the par-five 15th.

McGinley had not long left the scene before he was joined on 65 by Walton, who is almost certainly the best injured Irish professional golfer on the Côte d'Azur this week.

Walton is among the growing number of players to use the broomhandle putter, which is rapidly reducing to a nonsense the claim by golfing traditionalists that it is an instrument of the devil. On this day it looked more like a magic wand as he, too, holed putts from all over the place. Not bad for a man with an aching right big toe.

Walton was not sure what the injury to the offending digit was. He thought it might be rheumatism; it could even, heaven forbid, be gout, although he claimed not to have touched a drop of the hard stuff for a fortnight or more.

All Walton knew was that it had hurt enough for him to have dunked it in ice for 90 minutes the previous evening and put two painkillers on the menu at breakfast time. Six birdies, no bogeys and 18 greens hit in regulation were his reward — if he goes on like this for three more days, he could make a seriously throbbing big toe something that no ambitious golfer should be without.

### SCORES

EARLY FIRST-ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated): 64: F Roca (Sp). 65: P Mitchell, P McGinley, P Walton. 66: R Russell 67: M Tunnicliff. 68: D Clarke, P Harrington 70: D Carter, J Sandelin (Swe), R Chapman, I Pyman, M Farry (Fr), R Dinsdale, C Post (Den) 71: G Turner (NZ), A Oldcorn, P-U Johansson (Swe), P Nyman, A Collison, R Jacquelin (Fr), G Orr, P Eales, O Edmond (Fr), J Piñero (Sp) 72: G Brand Jr, C Cevaer (Fr), J Widener (US), J Van de Velde (Fr), S Richardson, O Dabson (Fr), D A Russell.

RUSSELL SACH

Rhodri Donovan putts at the 3rd in the Peter McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath yesterday. In high winds, Mark Pilkington, the Welsh boy champion, took the title. Scores, page 44

# Faultless Skelton has plenty in reserve

From Jenny MacArthur in Geneva

NICK SKELTON, of Great Britain, who attempts a second successive Volvo World Cup win this week, had a timely morale booster when he and his reserve horse, Cathleen, won the Prix du Rhone, the second warm-up class of the five-day meeting here.

Skelton was invited to take over the ride on Cathleen, formerly ridden by Meredith Michaels, of the United States, last October. After good performances in Stuttgart and Bremen in the autumn, Skelton decided to ride her in the Dutch World Cup qualifier in 's-Hertogenbosch last month and finished in sixteenth place.

"She's got all the scope in the world and a lovely temperament," Skelton said after his win. There was little to fault in the manner of her victory. Despite the disadvantage of being drawn first in the seven-horse jump-off, she jumped fast and clear over the six fences in 40.39sec.

Only one rider, McLain Ward, of the United States, on Avalon, was faster, but the young American incurred four faults at the end of the course and had to settle for second place. None of the remaining five riders — including Franke Sloothark, the world champion from Germany, on Very — could match Skelton.

Later, Skelton and John Whitaker, the only other Briton here, were out of luck in the Prix du Jura, a power and speed competition. The event, won by Ludo Philippaerts, of Belgium, involved two parts. Riders had to be clear over the bigger, first half of the course in order to go on to the timed second half.

Cathleen, faultless over the first half, just clipped the third fence of the timed section after running on too freely off the corner. Whitaker, unusually, was eliminated after his new horse, Amadeus — an 11-year-old, Dutch-bred gelding — took exception to fence four, a rail following a bank, and nothing Whitaker did would persuade him to jump.

RESULTS: Prix du Rhone: 1, Cathleen (N Skelton, GB) 0 faults in 40.39sec. 2, Avalon (M Ward, US) 4 in 38.51. 3, San Patrignano Very (F Sloothaak, Ger) 4 in 40.84. Prix du Jura: 1, Trudo Krawaal (L Philippaerts, Bel) 0 in 27.36. 2, San Patrignano Very (F Sloothaak, Ger) 0 in 27.88. 3, Gyssmo (J Friedli, Switz) 0 in 31.95.

## IN BRIEF

# Hall rallies to reach last eight

DARREN HALL, the former European badminton champion, came from a game and 14-11 down, saving two match points, to reach the quarter-finals of the European championships in Herning, Denmark, yesterday with a 9-15, 17-14, 15-8 victory over Chris Bruil, of Holland.

Peter Knowles, the England No 2, also reached the quarter-finals, overcoming Pierre Pelupessy, of Holland, 15-8, 15-13 and performing more effectively than the night before, when he had been within two points of defeat against Richard Vaughan, the schoolboy from Wales, who looked a bright Olympic prospect for 2000.

## Atlanta bound

**Rowing:** The Amateur Rowing Association yesterday announced the pre-selection of six oarsmen for the Olympic Games in Atlanta. They are: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the Olympic champions, in the coxless pairs, and Rupert Obholzer, Tim Foster and the Searle brothers in the coxless fours. Redgrave and Pinsent remain unbeaten since the last Olympic Games while the coxless four achieved bronze and silver medals respectively in the world championships of 1994 and 1995.

## Caps of peace

**Rugby Union:** The Irish Rugby Football Union is expected to confirm today that caps will be awarded for the "peace international" against the Barbarians at Lansdowne Road on May 18, an initiative of two former players, Hugo MacNeill and Trevor Ringland. Proceeds will go to Co-Operation North/Co-Operation Ireland and the Ireland Fund. Francois Pienaar, the South Africa captain, has agreed to lead the Barbarians for the match.

## Rusedski out

**Tennis:** Greg Rusedski, of Great Britain, bowed out of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday, losing in the third round to the third seed, Thomas Enqvist. The Swede, winner of the Indian Open last week, reached the quarter-finals with a 7-6, 6-1 victory over the No 13 seed.

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Most beginners' courses start with constructive bidding, i.e. opening the bidding and responding. They then move on to various aspects of card-play. Somehow, the principles of competitive bidding, i.e. bidding once the opponents have opened, seem to get lost.

The main reason for opening the bidding at the one level is to find your side's best contract. Once the opponents have opened, the emphasis shifts and possible reasons for bidding multiply:

1. To find your side's best contract — as before, this reason may still be valid if you have good values.
2. To make life difficult for the opponents: to prevent them from finding their own best contract at no real cost to your side. The more bidding space you can take from them, the more likely you are to achieve this objective.
3. To help partner with his opening lead.

So an overcall should be made (a) on a good hand, or (b) at a level that removes some bidding space, or (c) on a good suit. Bearing this in mind, what would you bid on the following hands after your right-hand opponent (RHO) opens One Heart at Game All?

(i) ♠ KQ1096
♥ 8
♦ Q763
♣ 764

(ii) ♠ K984
♥ AQ5
♦ QJ975
♣ 3

(i) Pass. Although most tournament players would overcall on this hand, it is more risky at rubber bridge, where partner is likely to expect more values. You are not taking any bidding space from your opponents and, if they finish in a heart contract, you will be on lead yourself.

(ii) Pass. Neither of your suits are good enough to overcall. You should nearly always have a six-card suit to overcall in a minor at the two level. Good distribution is more important than high-card points. Perhaps you will be able to make a take-out double of clubs on the next round.

What would you bid on the same hands after your (RHO) opens One Club when he is vulnerable and you are not?

(i) One Spade. Although there is still the chance that your rubber-bridge partner will play you for more, there are too many possible advantages in bidding for you to pass. As well as depriving the opponents of bidding space, you may help your partner with the opening lead against hearts or no-trumps. Also, the favourable vulnerability means that you may find a profitable sacrifice.

(ii) Double. Your diamond suit is strong enough for a one-level overcall, but it is better to tell partner of your support for all the other suits by making a take-out double.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

# KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

## British success

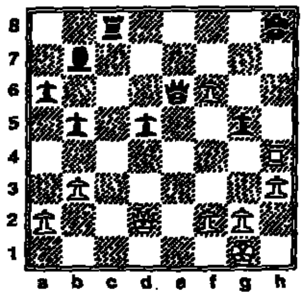
Demetrios Agnos, the London international master, scored a fine result against a field studded with grandmasters in the tournament at Karditsa, Greece. Agnos totalled six out of nine for a share of first prize and, in so doing, played some brilliant attacking chess, as in the following example:

**White:** Demetrios Agnos
**Black:** Spiridon Skembris
Karditsa, Greece, March 1996

**Ruy Lopez**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | e4 | e5 |
| 2 | Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3 | Bb5 | a6 |
| 4 | Ba4 | Nf6 |
| 5 | 0-0 | Be7 |
| 6 | Re1 | b5 |
| 7 | Bb3 | d6 |
| 8 | c3 | 0-0 |
| 9 | h3 | Na5 |
| 10 | Bc2 | c5 |
| 11 | d4 | Nd7 |
| 12 | Nbd2 | exd4 |
| 13 | cxd4 | Nc6 |
| 14 | Nf1 | Bf6 |
| 15 | Be3 | Bb7 |
| 16 | Qd2 | Rc8 |
| 17 | Rac1 | Re8 |
| 18 | Ng3 | g6 |
| 19 | Bb1 | Qe7 |
| 20 | Rcd1 | Rcd8 |
| 21 | b3 | cxd4 |
| 22 | Nxd4 | Nc5 |
| 23 | Qc1 | Nxd4 |
| 24 | Bxd4 | Bxd4 |
| 25 | Rxd4 | d5 |
| 26 | e5 | Ne6 |
| 27 | Rg4 | Kh8 |
| 28 | Nh5 | Rc8 |
| 29 | Qd2 | f5 |
| 30 | exf6 | Qf7 |
| 31 | Bxg6 | hxg6 |
| 32 | Ng7 | g5 |
| 33 | Nxe6 | Rxe6 |
| 34 | Rxe6 | Qxe6 |
| 35 | Rh4+ | Black resigns |

**Diagram of final position**



## Times chess book

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**Karditsa, Final Crosstable**

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Agnos | * | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6 |
| 2 | Nenashev | ½ | * | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 3 | Atalik | 0 | 0 | * | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | Kotronias | 0 | ½ | 1 | * | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 5 |
| 5 | Mladinovic | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | * | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5 |
| 6 | Alterman | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | * | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 4½ |
| 7 | Grivas | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | * | 1 | ½ | ½ | 4 |
| 8 | Vouldis | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | * | 1 | ½ | 3½ |
| 9 | Nikolaidis | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | * | ½ | 3 |
| 10 | Skembris | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | * | 3 |

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss.

# James and son supply enterprising fare

ROBBIE and Mark James, back-markers in the Father and Son Foursomes Tournament at West Hill, Surrey, stormed through two more rounds of golf yesterday to reach the semi-finals at their first attempt (John Hennessy writes). Playing off a combined handicap of six, they beat the Boxalls, of Blackmoor, 5 and 4 and, in the afternoon, the Smiths, of Surbiton, 3 and 2.

Against the Smiths, they struck immediately with two superb shots against the wind to six feet at the 395-yard 1st. It was a daunting start for the Smiths, but somehow they held on to remain one down at the turn. However, at the next hole the Smiths, needing a ten-foot putt to square the match, took not one more but two and were never again a competitive force.

The Jameses, of whom the father is secretary of the Walton Heath club, now face the Hickeys, of the home club. Hickey Sr surrendered the lead against the Taggarts, from Wilderness, with a topped tee-shot at the 17th, but his counterpart did the same off the next tee and then failed with a five-foot putt that would have taken the match to extra holes.

In the second semi-final, the Piggotts, of Littlehampton and Perivale, meet the Walkers, of Woking.

# Bulls seek form in rehearsal

MATCHES at St Helens and Wigan in six days constitute the hardest Wembley revision for Bradford Bulls and their examination in the rugby league Challenge Cup final there a week tomorrow (Christopher Irvine writes).

St Helens, their fellow finalists and unbeaten in eight games, narrowly withstood the Bulls' second-half charge last Sunday, and to follow one Stones Super League defeat, albeit encouraging, with another at Central Park tonight, would present Bradford with an obvious psychological handicap.

A further incentive for St Helens was provided yesterday when the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee imposed a one-match ban on Vila Matautia, the forward dismissed for elbowing a Bradford opponent, which ensures his availability for the final.

Jason Robinson, the Great Britian wing who has signed a four-year, £1.1 million deal to move to the Australian Rugby League next year, has asked Wigan for a transfer. "His request will be considered. We want him to stay, but need to reach a compromise," Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said.

## WORD-WATCHING

*By Philip Howard*

GUBBINS
a. Provisions
b. Devonians
c. The boss

ASSHUR
a. A god
b. Ben Hur's donkey
c. Ritual cleansing

ISRAFEL
a. Without quarter
b. A musical angel
c. The lesser pyramid

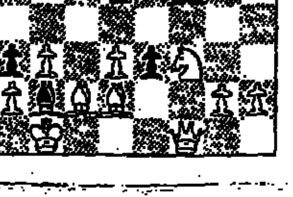
CROTONA'S SAGE
a. Sea parsley
b. Heracleitus
c. Pythagoras

Answers on page 46

## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene*

Black to play. This position is from the game Gonssiorovski — Alekhine, Odessa 1918. How did Alekhine manage to exploit the tremendous activity of his minor pieces?



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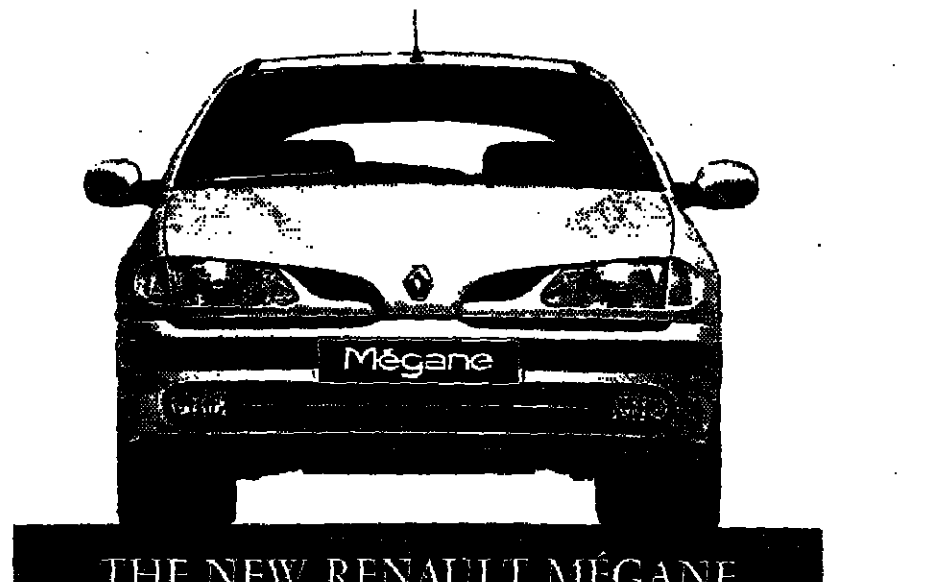

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# Bruce sets sights on Cup Final return

By Our Sports Staff

STEVE BRUCE still has a chance of playing in the FA Cup Final despite limping out of the FA Carling Premiership match against Leeds United on Wednesday night with a recurring hamstring injury.

"The fact that we took Steve off straight away will be a big help to the speed of his recovery," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said yesterday. "The injury should be cleared up by the time Wembley comes around, so it gives Steve an outside chance of playing against Liverpool."

Bruce has an additional incentive to be fit for the May 11 showpiece because, if the Old Trafford club can stave off Newcastle United's Premiership challenge and beat Liverpool at Wembley, he would become the first captain to take a side to the double twice, having led United when they won the League and Cup in 1994.

It seems certain that Bruce will miss the final two Premiership games but Ferguson has excellent centre-back cover in the shape of David May and Gary Neville. Gary Pallister also came through only his fifth match in five months with nothing more than a little stiffness, heartening news not just for Ferguson but for the England coach, Terry Venables, with the European championship less than two months away.

"I've never played in a major championship before and I desperately want to be there in the summer," Pallister said. "It has been frustrating because I had gone all my career hardly missing a match before this back injury." United have helped his recovery by fitting the team bus with a full-length lounger so that the 6ft 4in defender can stretch out and rest his back.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, has withdrawn Robert Lee and Les Ferdinand from the England squad for the match against Croatia at Wembley next week after both sustained injuries in the 1-0 victory over Southampton that kept them in the title hunt.

Ferdinand, who scored the only goal in England's last game against Bulgaria, has a broken toe, and Lee, scorer of the goal against Southampton, has a recurrence of an Achilles' tendon problem.

While accepting that Keegan was within his rights to pull him out, Lee is a reluctant withdrawal from the England squad. "It's very disappointing, because the European championships are so close and I want to be meeting up with the squad and being part of it," Lee said. "But I understand the manager's situation — all that matters for him is Newcastle United and any other manager would be the same."

Better news for Venables came yesterday from the Goldstone Ground, where Darren Anderton continued his comeback for Tottenham Hotspur in a reserve game against Brighton. Anderton, battling to recover from a serious groin injury, played the full 90 minutes in central midfield and also scored a goal in Tottenham's 4-1 victory.

Brighton, who will be relegated from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division if they fail to beat Carlisle United at home tomorrow, have given free transfers to seven players. They include Steve Foster (who has played 668 league games), John Byrne (497) and Dean Wilkins (326). The others are Stuart Myall, Stuart Munday, Ian Chapman and Derek Coughlan.

☐ Germany are likely to be without Jürgen Klinsmann and Steffen Freund for their opening European championship group C match against the Czech Republic at Old Trafford on June 9. The Uefa executive committee is today expected to give both players one-match bans for receiving two yellow cards in the qualifying competition.

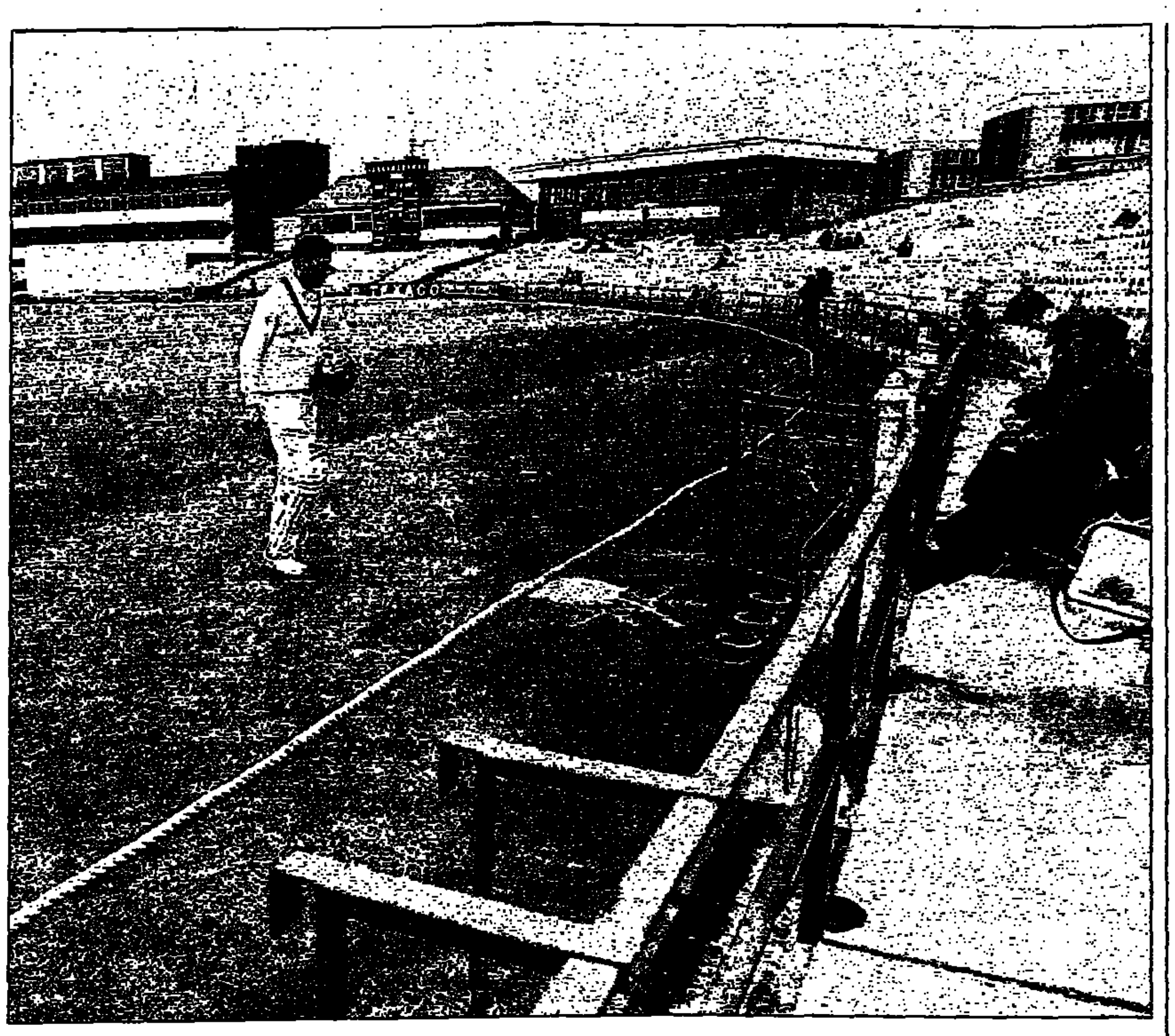
## PREMIERSHIP

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Man Utd | 36 | 23 | 7 | 6 | 66 | 35 | 76 |
| Newcastle | 35 | 23 | 4 | 8 | 63 | 35 | 73 |
| Liverpool | 35 | 19 | 9 | 7 | 67 | 32 | 66 |
| Aston Villa | 36 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 52 | 33 | 63 |
| Arsenal | 35 | 16 | 10 | 9 | 46 | 30 | 58 |
| Blackburn | 36 | 17 | 6 | 13 | 57 | 44 | 57 |
| Tottenham | 35 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 45 | 35 | 56 |
| Everton | 36 | 16 | 10 | 11 | 58 | 42 | 55 |
| Nottm For | 35 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 46 | 48 | 54 |
| West Ham | 36 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 42 | 48 | 50 |
| Chelsea | 36 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 43 | 40 | 49 |
| Middlesbro | 36 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 35 | 46 | 43 |
| Leeds | 35 | 12 | 6 | 17 | 39 | 53 | 42 |
| Wimbledon | 36 | 10 | 10 | 16 | 55 | 68 | 40 |
| Sheff Wed | 36 | 10 | 9 | 17 | 45 | 55 | 39 |
| Southton | 36 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 33 | 52 | 34 |
| Coventry | 36 | 7 | 13 | 16 | 40 | 60 | 34 |
| Man City | 36 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 30 | 56 | 34 |
| QPR | 36 | 8 | 6 | 22 | 35 | 54 | 30 |
| Bolton | 36 | 8 | 5 | 23 | 38 | 68 | 29 |

Matches to come

MANCHESTER UNITED: Apr 28: Nottingham Forest (h). May 5: Middlesbrough (a)

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Apr 29: Leeds Utd (a). May 2: Nottingham Forest (a). May 5: Tottenham Hotspur (h)



Michael Atherton, the England captain, trudges back to the pavilion at Old Trafford yesterday after being dismissed for three in his first innings of the season, against Yorkshire. He fell to fast bowler Alex Wharf, 20, whose only previous first-class wicket had been that of Brian Lara, at Scarborough in 1994.

The Bradford-born bowler also accounted for Steve Titchard as Lancashire struggled to 59 for three before rain intervened and prevented any play after lunch. Titchard was caught by the new Yorkshire captain, David Byas, while Atherton edged an away-swinger to wicketkeeper Richard Blakey, his early dismissal giving him plenty of time to ponder the result of the election for the two final places on the England selection panel. Graham Lloyd, who hit 33, added 45 with Nick Speak before he top-edged an attempted pull off Gavin Hamilton. Darren Gough conceded only eight runs in an accurate five-over spell while Craig White, Alex Morris, the England Under-19 captain, and left-arm spinner Ian Fisher also had spells as Byas rotated his bowlers.

# Smith graduates with first-class honours

By Pat Gibson

*FENNER'S (second day of three): Glamorgan, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 142 runs ahead of Cambridge University*

ALL those who question the value of Oxbridge cricket should have been at Fenner's yesterday to see Edward Smith become the first Cambridge University batsman to score a century on his first-class debut since a certain John Slack did it against Middlesex in 1954.

Slack never progressed beyond minor counties cricket with Buckinghamshire. Smith, one suspects, will go further. At 18, he had a choice between playing second-team cricket for Kent or reading history at Peterhouse. Whatever academic qualifications he achieves, his cricket can only benefit.

Cambridge knew they had a good player on their hands when he arrived from Tonbridge with a record of 1,704 runs in two seasons at an average of 77. They discovered just how good when they saw the manner in which he stepped straight from schools cricket to take on county bowlers as good as Watkin, Barwick and Croft as if there were no difference.

His talent showed in the straightness of his bat as he timed the ball through the covers off front foot and back; his temperament in his coolness under pressure when anchored on 96 for seven overs.

"They were certainly the most nervous moments of my life," Smith said. "You never get another chance of scoring 100 on your debut and I just kept thinking that the dream was still alive."

The dream came true when Thomas served up a long hop that Smith gratefully pulled for his thirteenth four. He was out three balls later, caught behind driving at Thomas, but that only left the stage to another freshman on his debut, Anurag Singh, who made 52 off 65 balls.

The university then declared 37 runs behind, whereupon Maynard, the new Glamorgan captain, smashed 66 off 57 balls and set up the prospect of a good finish today.

# Bowlers cheered by Sutcliffe's dismissal

By Jack Bailey

*THE PARKS (second day of three): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Oxford University by 127 runs*

IN TERMS of winners and losers, this match has so far been a case of Richard Sula's pitch first, the batsmen second and the bowlers nowhere. Once Mike Roseberry had sportingly declined to go after the Sutcliffe and Holmes record of 555 for the first wicket — not an impossible task — by declaring at Durham's overnight score, Oxford took over.

They did so to such effect that Chinmay Gupte and Iain Sutcliffe, their opening pair, not only added a further 145 runs before the first wicket fell in this game, but saw to it that 9¼ hours had elapsed from the time the first ball was bowled before the bowlers received any encouragement.

They may not be Sutcliffe and Holmes, but Oxford's Sutcliffe and Gupte are no strangers to this sort of thing. So comfortable were they yesterday that last year's partnership of 283 against Hampshire looked well within range. Sutcliffe's display of elegant driving and cutting came to an end, however, at 65, when he top-edged Simon Brown to the wicketkeeper.

Gupte moved on, inevitably it seemed, to the fourth first-class century of an Oxford career which began some six years ago.

His declaration, 107 runs behind, left Durham with 20 minutes to negotiate, and, theoretically at least, threw the game open. But Gupte's batting and that of Sutcliffe, and a glimpse of the power that Gul Khan is capable of generating, will cause Roseberry to think long and hard about his declaration.

Khan's cameo innings of 33 included two hefty on-side sixes before he was bowled driving at Boiling. The off spinner stuck well to his task, but the bowling honours, such as they were, went to Brown. At fast medium, the left-armer was the one bowler to show sustained hostility. Like Boiling, he cost fewer than two runs an over, a rare feat in this match.

# Defence stands firm in case of double jeopardy

This column, appraised of the fact that the London Legal League cup final was due to be played on Monday evening at the football ground in Coppermill Lane, discovered three Coppermill Lanes in the gazetteer; found only one adjacent to greenery and made its way to the Douglas Eyre Centre south of reservoir No 5 of the High Maynard complex in Walthamstow, E17. Soon after six we witnessed the arrival of men in dark suits, carrying sports bags, discussing attachment orders. We had arrived.

The ground has been the beneficiary of a £2 million Sports Council grant: there is a clubhouse, Astroturf multipurpose pitch with floodlights, and on the sidelines are scattered the impedimenta of other contests played on man-made greenery.

The London Legal League has three divisions of ten teams; Grays Inn are the champions. As it has been more than ten years since anyone achieved the double, excitement among the men who wear wigs was high. The opposition, Stephenson Harwood, is a 70-partner firm of solicitors and commissioners for oaths based in the City. Counsel's opinion would give them a 15 per cent chance of success.

By tradition both teams are allowed three guests, none of whom should be Kanchelskis.

Jim Sturman, the Grays Inn captain, wore the No 12 shirt and, until he came on for the last ten minutes, paced the touchline with authority — now guru, now manager, now mother hen.

Derek Williams, 39, sometime apprentice with Brentford, is Grays Inn's oldest player. He guested when a builder-decorator, thought that, if the morons with whom he played could become barristers, what was to stop him? And is now a law student. He outran, outshone, outplayed all others, but it was not his day. Arguably it was not anyone's day — the only goal of the match coming from a 35-yard shot by Dominic Chandler which owed nearly as much to the wind, the bounce and the lights as to the barrister's right foot.

For the solicitors, Dwane Hurley was the fastest, hardest-working forward. Bamforth excelled in goal, David Short played a solid game at centre back.

It is of course the crowd that "makes" a cup final and there were six: a vociferous supporter of Stephenson Harwood and five loyal partners who shivered on the touchline behind the wire fencing, calling "Come on Clive" and "Well played Roger", though not very loudly.

As the game progressed, with Grays Inn dominating play, there came from a nearby housing estate three girls of about 15. They approached the spectators with the conviction of Jehovah's Witnesses on a house call and asked: "Are any of the players virgins? What are their names? Come on, somebody must know what they're called." We looked embarrassed.

"The yellow-shirted No 10 is called Lawrence." Lawrence's partner said after a while. And without a moment's delay the trio were shouting: "Law-rence, Law-rence. Come on Law-rence. Remember us Lawrence?"

"You are embarrassing him," the player's companion said. "Alright then," the girls said, lit cigarettes and walked off...

Trevor Prout, the referee, controlled the game with skill and good sense; when he blew for half-time we left the game to adjourn to the Golden Horse Chinese takeaway and fish and chip parlour opposite. The place had little going for it: a notice proclaims that, due to lack of demand, fish will no longer be served, sausages neither. A single non-eating customer sat reading a newspaper and, behind the counter, an eight-year-old boy played a video game on the television screen on which we had rather hoped to see action from Highbury.

FREUD ON FRIDAY

When the server appeared, we asked for a spring roll, an order he passed on to someone in the back, after which nothing happened for 15 minutes.

The spring roll was absolutely brilliant, cooked in fat of quality with the outside crisp and handsomely flavoured, the inside resplendent with all that spring rolls should contain.

On the field of play, Grays Inn continued to dominate without scoring; fear of a late equaliser and extra time appeared on the faces of all ... until the final whistle: 1-0 to the favourites. The double achieved at last. And we saw the presentation of the cup, which was inscribed: "Leyton Orient Summer Six-a-side Cup". You can't win them all.

Sturman held it aloft. And the lawyers adjourned to the clubhouse, where there were baths and later food and ale ... and a score of earnest, youngish men sat at tables, finishing their exams for the referee course: ten Monday sessions cost £27.50; successful candidates are awarded a whistle and will be able to hand red and yellow cards to tomorrow's judges without affording them opportunity to argue their cases.

The column went back to the Golden Horse for a second spring roll.

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## FOR THE RECORD

### BADMINTON

HERNING, Denmark: European championships: Singles: Second round: Men: D Hall (Eng) bt E Lia (Nor) 11-15, 15-6; M Hansen (Den) bt C Haughton (Eng) 6-15, 15-9, 15-2; P Knowles (Eng) bt R Vaughan (Wales) 2-15, 18-13, 15-7. Women: J Muggeridge (Eng) bt I Koloskova (Ukr) 11-0, 8-11, 11-2. C Bengtsson (Swe) beat A Humby (Eng) 11-6, 11-7

### BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston 7 New York 5; Chicago 8 Cincinnati 6 (10 inns); San Diego 11 Colorado 6; Los Angeles 11 San Francisco 2; Philadelphia 9 Montreal 3. Atlanta 4 Florida 2, St Louis 6 Pittsburgh 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 8 New York 4, Baltimore 6 Boston 5 (12 inns); Chicago 3 Kansas City 1, Minnesota 9 Cleveland 8, Texas 12 Oakland 1; California 5 Toronto 1; Seattle 8 Detroit 3

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey 107 Toronto 95, Philadelphia 90 Miami 86; Boston 121 Washington 106; Detroit 102 Indiana 93; Golden State 109 Minnesota 103; Seattle 96 Portland 90; Sacramento 103 Phoenix 102

BUDWEISER CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs (second legs) Leopards 74 Manchester 83 (Tie level at 1-1); Sheffield 79 Worthing 60 (Sheffield win tie 2-0).

### BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: English men's indoor championship: Triples: Final: Stanley, Co Durham (I Peacock, C Palmer and J Leeman) bt Whiteknights, Reading (R Newman, M Newman and G Stacey) 18-7. Pairs: First round: Preston (E South, B Holding) bt Bodmin (S Lane, D Hayne) 19-12; Dartford Stone Lodge (K McGlew, M Brick) bt Kingsthorpe (N McKee, P Reeve) 24-15; Whiteknights (M and R Newman) bt Essex County (S Cooper, P Maynard) 20-6; Bentham (A Wills, T Allcock) bt East Dorset (C Martin, J Haines) 23-13; Wey Valley (D O'Toole, A Hatto) bt York (T Scruton, C Bateman) 25-14; Grantham (M Pulling, D Auckland) bt Lawson Park (B Merril, D Thompson) 27-17, Leicester (L Jinks, A Irons) bt ISCA (J Loaring, K Philips) 17-16, Stanley (C Palmer, J Leeman) bt North Walsham (T Cox, B Sadler) 32-5. Second round: Oyster (A Godsell, C James) bt Stevenage (S Apps, T Webb) 17-13; Nottingham (D Robinson, B Morley) bt UCB Cellophane (M Davies, D Fowkes) 23-15; Chipping Norton (S Drinkwater, L Gillett) bt Newcastle (M London, S Harvey) 21-19; Victory (D Bishop, C Brewer) bt Wymondham Dell (J Ottaway, R Haydon) 22-11; Dartford Stone Lodge bt Preston 21-13; Bentham bt Whiteknights 24-14; Grantham bt Wey Valley 26-4; Leicester bt Stanley 22-21. Quarter-finals: Nottingham bt Oyster 24-7, Chipping Norton bt Victory 27-19, Dartford Stone Lodge bt Bentham 22-11, Grantham bt Leicester 19-14.

### HOCKEY

ATLANTA: Six nations tournament: Great Britain 1 South Korea 1; Argentina 2 United States 0; Pakistan 2 India 2

### ICE HOCKEY

EINDHOVEN, Holland: World championships: Pool B: Belarus 6 Denmark 1; Switzerland 5 Holland 1.

### CRICKET

#### County match

#### Lancashire v Yorkshire

*OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three, Yorkshire won toss): Lancashire have scored 59 for three wickets against Yorkshire*

LANCASHIRE: First innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S P Titchard c Byas b Wharf | 4 |
| *M A Atherton c Blakey b Wharf | 3 |
| N J Speak not out | 11 |
| G D Lloyd c Gough b Hamilton | 33 |
| A Flintoff not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 6, nb 2) | 8 |
| Total (3 wkts) | 59 |

†W K Hegg, S Elworthy, I D Austin, G Yates, R J Green and G Keedy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-14, 3-59

BOWLING: Gough 5-1-8-0; Wharf 6-3-7-2; Hamilton 6-0-10-1; Fisher 2-0-22-0; White 2-0-6-0, Morris 0.1-0-0-0

YORKSHIRE: C J Schofield, M P Vaughan, *D Byas, C White, R A Kettleborough, †R J Blakey, A C Morris, D Gough, G M Hamilton, I D Fisher, A G Wharf

Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer

#### University matches

#### Cambridge University v Glamorgan

*FENNER'S (second day of three): Glamorgan, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 142 runs ahead of Cambridge University*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 262 for 1 dec (H Morris 126 not out, D L Hemp 103 not out).

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S P James not out | 29 |
| *M P Maynard not out | 68 |
| Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 4) | 10 |
| Total (no wkt) | 105 |

BOWLING: Haste 9-1-40-0; Moffat 2-0-31-0, Whittall 7-0-30-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| R T Ragnauth c Barwick b Watkin | 8 |
| E T Smith c Metson b Thomas | 101 |
| *R Q Cake c Watkin b Barwick | 39 |
| A Singh not out | 52 |
| W J House not out | 14 |
| Extras (lb 3, nb 8) | 11 |
| Total (3 wkts dec) | 225 |

R O Jones, †D R H Churton, N J Haste, A R Whittall, G R Moffat and E How did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-138, 3-177.

BOWLING: Watkin 17-6-43-1; Thomas 18-4-73-1; Croft 17-3-54-0, Barwick 22-11-24-1, Dale 2-1-1-0; Hemp 3-0-27-0

Umpires: R A White and J W Lloyds

#### Oxford University v Durham

*THE PARKS (second day of three): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 127 runs ahead of Oxford University*

DURHAM: First Innings 334 for 0 dec (S Hutton 172 not out, M A Roseberry 145 not out)

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| J A Daley not out | 12 |
| J E Morris not out | 7 |
| Extras (w 1) | 1 |
| Total (no wkt) | 20 |

BOWLING: du Preez 3-0-12-0; Thomson 3-1-8-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

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|---|---|
| *C M Gupte not out | 113 |
| I J Sutcliffe c Scott b Brown | 65 |
| A C Ridley c Brown b Birbeck | 3 |
| G A Khan b Boiling | 33 |
| M A Wagh b Killeen | 2 |
| H S Malik not out | 1 |
| Extras (lb 8, nb 2) | 10 |
| Total (4 wkts dec) | 227 |

M E D Jarrett, †J N Batty, R B Thomson, D P Mather and S P du Preez did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-145, 2-160, 3-212, 4-225.

BOWLING: Brown 15-5-26-1, Betts 14-0-45-0; Birbeck 11-0-56-1; Boiling 26-8-50-1, Killeen 13-1-42-1

### FIXTURES

CRICKET

County match

*11.0, second day of three*

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

University matches

*11.0 to 6.0, final day of three*

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Glamorgan

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Durham

RUGBY UNION

Under-21 international

England v France (at Bath, 7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Wigan v Bradford (7.30)

FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30 unless stated*

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Sligo (7.45); Dundalk v St Patrick's Ath (7.45)

FA PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER-16 TROPHY: Semi-final: Hertfordshire v Devon (at St Albans, 7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's English indoor championships (Melton Mowbray).

GOLF: Father and Sons tournament (West Hill)

SPEEDWAY: World championship: British semi-final (Oxford, 7.30). Premier League: Belle Vue v Ipswich (7.30). Peterborough v Reading (7.30).

### FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second legs: Nantes 3 Juventus 2 (Juventus won 4-3 on aggregate); Panathinaikos 0 Ajax 3 (Ajax won 3-1 on aggregate).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa 1 West Ham 1; Blackburn 3 Wimbledon 2; Manchester United 1 Leeds United 0; Newcastle 1 Southampton 0; Nottingham Forest 0 Coventry 0; Sheffield Wednesday 0 Chelsea 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Leicester 2 Oldham 0; Stoke 1 Charlton 0; Tranmere 5 Ipswich 2. Second division: Shrewsbury 2 Wrexham 2.

### GOLF

WEST HILL GC: Father and Son Foursomes Tournament: Fourth round: M and G Taggart (Wildernesse) bt H and T Mote (West Sussex) 2 holes, M and M Hickey (West Hill) bt S and M Stadling (Rye, Worplesdon) 1 hole, G and M James (Walton Heath) bt R and K Boxall (Blackmoor) 5 and 4; P and S Smith (Surbiton) bt M and P Lawson (Stoneham) 2 holes, G and P Walker (Woking) bt R and A Lawson (Sunningdale) 5 and 3, J and N Gilbert (Burhill) bt J and M Connelly (Woking) 1 hole, J and R Piggott (Littlehampton, Perivale) bt R and J Krelling (Rye, Denham) 2 and 1; P and D Story (Mullion, Liphook) bt V and G Davis (Wyke Green) 1 hole. Fifth round: M and M Hickey bt M and G Taggart 1 hole; G and M James bt P and S Smith 3 and 2; G and P Walker bt J and N Gilbert 3 and 2; J and R Piggott bt P and D Story (Mullion, Liphook) 4 and 3.

COPT HEATH: Peter McEvoy Trophy: Selected leading scores: 292: M Pilkington (Nelyn and District) 74, 76, 71, 71. 293: P Rowe (West Cornwall) 72, 74, 73, 74. 295: D Griffiths (West Herts) 73, 75, 71, 76. 297: K Ferrie (Alnmouth) 74, 72, 79, 72. 298: S Walker (Maxstoke Park) 80, 73, 73, 72.

### TENNIS

BARCELONA: Spanish Open: Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; F Roig (Sp) bt A Medvedev (Russ) 7-6, 7-6; R Furlan (It) bt F Maggi (It) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; J Courier (US) bt O Martinez (Sp) 6-3, 6-3.

## YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

### Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, Galine (S Sanders, 8-1), 2, Wildwood Flower (7-1); 3, Westman's Weigh (9-1). Domak Amaam 5-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Farhana. ½l, nk. W O'Gorman. Tote: £12.40; £4.10, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £37.80. Trio: £194.50. CSF: £61.59. Tricast: £488.40. 1min 11.98sec

2.35 (1m 2f) 1, Prize Giving (M Hills, 9-1); 2, Three Hills (6-1); 3, Select Few (11-4). Jackson Hill 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 3l, 1¼l. G Wragg. Tote: £10.90; £2.60, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £44.70. Trio: £36.30. CSF: £54.88. Tricast: £168.52. 2min 04.71sec.

3.05 (1m 1f) 1, Storm Trooper (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, St Mawes (14-1), 3, Jack Jennings (14-1). 11 ran. NR: Kala Sunrise, South Salem. 4l, 1l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £3.80, £5.20. DF: £32.10. Trio: £249.20. CSF: £28.69. 1min 49.48sec

3.40 (1m) 1, BEAUCHAMP KING (J Reid, 9-2), 2, Alhaarth (W Carson, 1-2 fav); 3, Polaris Flight (Pat Eddery, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Rio Duvida (5th), 11 Pommard (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 3½l, 8l, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £6.80. 1min 37.82sec.

4.10 (7f) 1, Lionize (J Reid, Evens fav); 2, Muladarra (2-1); 3, Prime Light (10-1). 5 ran. NR: Gold Spats, Hammerstein, Lonely Leader. 1¼l, 3½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.09. 1min 27.09sec

4.45 (5f) 1, Fletcher (T Quinn, 13-8); 2, Rude Awakening (Evens fav); 3, M T Vessel (40-1). 6 ran. ¾l, 9l. P Cole. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.34. 1min 00.91sec

5.20 (5f) 1, Muchea (R Hughes, 8-11 fav); 2, Herecomestheknight (3-1); 3, Exit To Rio (7-1). 4 ran. 3½l, ½l. M Channon. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.31. 1min 00.47sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £32,600.71 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £37.50. Quadpot: £2.20.

### Ripon

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1, Statesman (K Darley, 9-2), 2, Roman Imp (4-1), 3, Bolero Boy (12-1). Plan For Profit 7-4 fav. 10 ran. Nk, 3l. M Channon. Tote: £5.20; £2.00, £1.80, £3.00. DF: £27.00. Trio: £76.40. CSF: £24.63.

3.00 (5f) 1, Lago Di Varano (J Carroll, 7-2); 2, La Suquet (100-30 fav); 3t, John O'Dreams (20-1); 3t, Sea-Deer (9-2). 10 ran. 1¼l, 1¼l. J Berry. Tote: £4.90; £1.60, £1.40, Sea-Deer £0.80, John O'Dreams £1.70. DF: £7.90. Trio: Lago Di Varano with La Suquet and John O'Dreams, £24.70; Lago Di Varano with La Suquet and Sea-Deer, £4.50. CSF: £15.18

3.30 (1m) 1, Al Shafa (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Kazimiera (33-1), 3, Taufan Boy (6-1). Fursan 9-4 fav. 9 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £6.40; £2.00, £6.10, £1.60. DF: £191.00. Trio: £315.30 (part won: pool of £359.77 carried forward to today). CSF: £105.15. Tricast: £842.77. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

4.00 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Nabhaan (R Cochrane, 11-8 fav); 2, Jackson Park (9-2); 3, Burnt Offering (9-1). 7 ran. 3l, nk. D Morley. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.40. DF: £7.00. CSF: £8.83.

4.30 (1m) 1, Unreal City (W Ryan, 5-2); 2, Henry Island (11-2); 3, Calumbella (4-1). Raheen 2-1 fav. 15 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £5.50. Trio: £12.50. CSF: £19.10.

5.05 (5f) 1, Chadwell Hall (J Edmunds, 5-1); 2, Able Sheriff (12-1); 3, Penny's Wishing (20-1). Stand Tall 2-1 fav. 13 ran. Hd, 2½l. S Bowring. Tote: £6.10; £2.40, £3.00, £3.90. DF: £21.90. Trio: £280.80. CSF: £60.97. Tricast: £1,060.68.

5.35 (1m) 1, Wixim (K Darley, 6-5 fav); 2, Fourdaned (4-1); 3, Lazali (20-1). 14 ran. 1¾l, 7l. R Charlton. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.90, £6.70. DF: £5.90. Trio: £106.00. CSF: £7.78. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

Placepot: £160.70.

Quadpot: £42.80.

### Ayr

Going: good to soft

2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Thursday Night (L Wyer, 6-1); 2, Potter's Bay (5-4 fav); 3, Chipped Out (7-2). 10 ran. ¾l, 4l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £5.20; £1.20, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £5.30. Trio: £9.60. CSF: £13.25.

2.50 (3m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Royal Jester (Mr C Storey, 5-2 fav); 2, Carousel Rocket (8-1), 3, Southern Minstrel (9-1). 9 ran. 2½l, 10l. Mrs J Storey. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.80, £3.70. DF: £10.10. Trio: £48.60. CSF: £22.07.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Elpidos (R Garritty, 7-4); 2, Shining Edge (100-30); 3, Wisdom (8-1). Altume Dancer 11-8 fav. 5 ran. 9l, ½l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.68

3.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, Ninfa (A Dobbin, 3-1); 2, Pims Gunner (5-2 fav); 3, Sunley Bay (9-2). 6 ran. 3½l, 7l. G Richards. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £1.30. DF: £4.90. CSF: £9.94

4.20 (2m ch) 1, Port In A Storm (Mr C Bonner, 4-1); 2, Lochnagrain (5-2); 3, Montrave (8-4 fav). 5 ran. 2l, 1½l. M Hammond. Tote: £6.20; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £6.50. CSF: £13.06.

4.55 (3m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Ottowa (A P McCoy, 6-1); 2, Cats Run (33-1); 3, Newton Point (3-1 fav). 11 ran. Nk, ¾l. P Nicholls. Tote: £5.20; £1.60, £3.60, £2.20. DF: £43.60. Trio: £41.70. CSF: £141.37. Tricast: £644.47.

Placepot: £24.50. Quadpot: £14.50.

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# Beauchamp King dents Hern's classic dreams

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

DICK HERN uttered just four words as he watched on television Alhaarth being beaten in his 2,000 Guineas trial at Newmarket yesterday — but they found an immediate echo with one of the more famous misfortunes in British sporting history.

"Well, there we are," the trainer of 17 classic winners said from his wheelchair in the clerk of the course's office after Beauchamp King had defeated his 2-1 on favourite by a neck in the Craven Stakes.

Little did he know, but the same words were used 26 years ago by Henry Longhurst, the greatest golf commentator of all time, as he saw Doug Sanders miss the now infamous short putt on the 72nd hole of the Open at St Andrews which would have secured victory from Jack Nicklaus.

The desolation felt by Sanders was every bit as painful for Hern as a winter of dreams disappeared, possibly temporarily, more likely for ever. Like Sanders, who went into a subsequent play-off, Hern has a second bite at the cherry in 15 days' time. But the disappointment which was etched on the face of Hern and Willie Carson in the winner's enclosure suggested they believe they have as much chance of winning the 2,000 Guineas as Sanders had of beating Nicklaus in that play-off.

"Didn't blow at all," Hern said as he looked at the horse who has been the short-priced favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby throughout the winter. He shook his head, almost in disbelief.

Any thoughts that Alhaarth, reportedly a lazy worker at home, might have needed his seasonal reappearance were quicky dispelled. "He would not have blown a match out. I think the race will have done him good and I am quite happy to be back here in a fortnight. He's run a good race and it's done him good. The whole object of running was to give him the benefit of a race."

Maybe, but no excuses were being offered by Angus Gold, racing manager to Hamdan Al-Maktoum, the owner of Alhaarth. "Willie Carson was not offering any excuses. With hindsight, perhaps he should have let him bowl along in front."

In contrast to last season, when Alhaarth always tended to be at the head of affairs, he was deliberately held up as Rio Duvida and Polaris Flight set a modest early pace. He loathed the change in tactics and was soon pulling for his head and desperate to get on with matters.

With the early leaders giving way as the field made its way to the Dip, Alhaarth inherited the lead and for a moment looked as though he might pull away from his four rivals when meeting the rising ground. However, Beauchamp King had travelled ominously well throughout the race and when John Reid pulled him out to make his challenge, the upset was there for all to see. Beauchamp King, winner of the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster, is owned and bred by Erik Penser, a Swedish banker based in England, who was given the winner's dam, Afariya, as a gift after she had been barren for three successive years.

John Dunlop, trainer of the winner, reflected: "He did much better last year than his pedigree suggested and all this spring he has done everything right and there have been no problems. But he's not an impressive worker and I just hoped he had managed to progress from last year when I thought he was ten to 12lb behind the very best."

As bookmakers shuffled their ante-post odds, William Hill and Coral retained Alhaarth as favourite, while Ladbrokes went 2-1 the pair.

Perhaps the most significant betting change involved Storm Trooper who, 35 minutes earlier, continued Henry Cecil's hot streak by winning the Feilden Stakes in striking fashion. The 33-1 offered by Hills for the 2,000 Guineas vanished quickly.

## Blue Duster has workout

BLUE DUSTER continued her preparation for the 1,000 Guineas with a gentle workout after racing at Newmarket yesterday (Julian Muscat writes). The Danzig filly covered seven furlongs with Verzen, her lead horse, in a gallop conducted at a safe pace on the prevailing fast surface.

Ridden by Mick Kinane, Blue Duster, a 4-1 chance with Ladbrokes, contests the fillies' classic on May 5 without a preparatory run. "The plan was to do a bit more, but the ground was clearly too firm," her trainer, David Loder, said. "The whole point of the exercise was to bring her up to the racecourse and get her back in the spirit of things. She did all we wanted."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The grey Beauchamp King ends Alhaarth's unbeaten record in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

## NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.10 Granny's Pet
2.40 Air Quest
3.10 Bosra Sham
3.40 ASHJAR (nap)
4.15 Divine Quest
4.45 Spaniards Close
5.15 Golden Arrow

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 BOSRA SHAM (nap). 3.40 Polar Prince. 4.15 Divine Quest.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

### 2.10 BECKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,753: 5f 34yd) (13 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | (2) | CLASSIC MYSTERY (G Catchpole) B Meehan 9-0 | B Doyle | – |
| 102 | (6) | DAYLIGHT IN DUBAI (P Savill) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 | K Darley | – |
| 103 | (4) | DR WOODSTOCK (M Meade) M Meade 9-0 | R Perham | – |
| 104 | (12) | EAGER TO PLEASE (The Totally Original Partnership) J Berry 9-0 | J Carroll | – |
| 105 | (8) | GRANNY'S PET (Mrs D Arbib) P Cole 9-0 | T Quinn | – |
| 106 | (5) | GROVEFAIR FLYER (Grovefair plc) B Meehan 9-0 | M Tebbutt | – |
| 107 | (13) | HANGOVER SQUARE (B Lalement) R Hannon 9-0 | R Hughes | – |
| 108 | (9) | LUCAYAN BEACH (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0 | L Dettori | – |
| 109 | (3) | PELHAM (D Locke-Smith) R Hannon 9-0 | Pat Eddery | – |
| 110 | (7) | PETULA BOY (Clark Industrial Services) M McCormack 9-0 | R Cochrane | – |
| 111 | (10) | RAKE HEY (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 | J Reid | – |
| 112 | (1) | REFERENDUM (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 | Paul Eddery | – |
| 113 | (11) | YANAVANAVANO (C Watts) G Lewis 9-0 | A Whelan (3) | – |

BETTING: 7-4 Daylight In Dubai, 9-2 Pelham, 5-1 Granny's Pet, 8-1 Referendum, Eager To Please, 10-1 Hangover Square, 12-1 others.

1995: POLISH LEGION 9-0 L Dettori (7-1) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAYLIGHT IN DUBAI (foaled Apr 4). Half-brother by Twilight Agenda to several winners, notably top-class juvenile Sri Pekan, winner of Coventry Stakes. GRANNY'S PET (Feb 9, cost 46,000gns). Half-sister by Selkirk to 1m winner Western General and 1m 2f winner Western Sal; dam half-sister to high-class miler Mr Fluorocarbon. HANGOVER SQUARE (Feb 13, 12,000lrgns). By Jareer; dam, sister to group-placed 1m 2f winner Jonah, placed over 7f-1m at two. PELHAM (Apr 19, 10,000lrgns). By Archway; dam, out of Cheshire Oaks winner Yelda, placed over 1m-1m 2f at three. REFERENDUM (Feb 21, 35,000lrgns). Brother by Common Grounds to juvenile 5f winner Sweet Decision, and half-brother to smart miler Kill The Crab. NO SELECTION

### 2.40 PETER SMITH MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES

BBC2

(3-Y-O: £3,785: 1m 3f 5yd) (11 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (7) | | AIR QUEST (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 | Pat Eddery | – |
| 202 | (9) | 5 | EWAR BOLD 13 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 | B Doyle | 72 |
| 203 | (5) | | MOHAWK RIVER (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 | M Hills | – |
| 204 | (3) | | SANTELLA CAPE (R Taiano) R Hannon 9-0 | R Perham | – |
| 205 | (2) | | SET ADRIFT (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 | W Ryan | – |
| 206 | (11) | | SMART PLAY (Mrs G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 | T Ives | – |
| 207 | (8) | | TRIBAL MOON (P Savill) Lady Herries 9-0 | K Darley | – |
| 208 | (10) | 60- | AGE OF REALITY 193 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Candy 8-9 | T Quinn | 79 |
| 209 | (1) | | ENRICHED (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 | L Dettori | – |
| 210 | (6) | 0 | REMEMBER STAR 15 (Duckhaven Stud) A Newcombe 8-9 | J Carroll | 81 |
| 211 | (4) | 2- | SMILIN N WISHIN 185 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 | J Reid | [illegible] |

BETTING: 11-4 Enriched, 3-1 Set Adrift, 4-1 Air Quest, 5-1 Smilin N Wishin, 6-1 Mohawk River, 7-1 Santella Cape, 10-1 Ewar Bold, 12-1 others.

1995: TAMURE 9-0 L Dettori (9-4 fav) J Gosden 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

AIR QUEST: Brother by Rainbow Quest to Derby winner Quest For Fame and useful stayer Silver Rainbow. EWAR BOLD 21l 5th of 7 to Prospector's Cove in Kempton conditions race (1m 2f, good). SET ADRIFT: Half-brother to winners, including useful French 5f juvenile winner Shaindy. AGE OF REALITY 7¾l 8th of 18 to Fairlight Down in Leicester maiden (7f, good). REMEMBER STAR 17l 14th of 17 to Inner Circle in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). SMILIN N WISHIN ¾l 2nd of 11 to Classic Eagle in Chepstow maiden (1m, soft). Selection: SMILIN N WISHIN

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 4.35 Moynsha House. Newbury: 4.45 Daring Destiny. Thirsk: 2.15 Gymcrak Hero.

### 3.10 DUBAI DUTY FREE FRED DARLING STAKES

BBC2

(Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £20,400: 7f 64yd) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
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| 301 | (2) | 11- | BOSRA SHAM 208 (C,F,S) (W Said) H Cecil 9-0 | Pat Eddery | [illegible] |
| 302 | (3) | 114241- | FLYING SQUAW 231 (F,G,S) (M Foy) M Channon 9-0 | R Hughes | 90 |
| 303 | (5) | 6010- | KEEPERS DAWN 202 (S) (B Lanigan) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 | K Darley | 84 |
| 304 | (8) | 000-3 | MISS UNIVERSAL 13 (B Batt) C Brittain 9-0 | B Doyle | 94 |
| 305 | (4) | 3113- | NAJIYA 206 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 | W Carson | 88 |
| 306 | (9) | 12P-4 | PALOMA BAY 13 (B) (Mrs E Harris) M Bell 9-0 | M Fenton | 89 |
| 307 | (7) | 123- | PLEASE SUZANNE 209 (D,F) (M Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 | L Dettori | 78 |
| 308 | (6) | 1- | SILK MASQUE 269 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 | J Reid | 76 |
| 309 | (1) | 11-0 | SIL SILA 13 (CD,S) (L Alvarez Cervera) B Smart 9-0 | R Cochrane | 91 |

BETTING: 1-2 Bosra Sham, 5-1 Najiya, 6-1 Silk Masque, 8-1 Miss Universal, 10-1 Please Suzanne, 12-1 Flying Squaw, 14-1 others.

1995: AQAARID 9-0 W Carson (9-4 jt-fav) J Dunlop 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOSRA SHAM, completed double, beat Bint Shadayid 3½l in 6-runner group I Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, soft). MISS UNIVERSAL ½l 3rd of 13 to Sea Spray in Kempton listed race (1m, good) with PALOMA BAY 2½l 4th and SIL SILA (3lb better off) about 3l 7th. NAJIYA 5½l 3rd of 5 to Blue Duster in group I Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good). PLEASE SUZANNE 1¼l 3rd of 8 to Polska in Ascot conditions race (6f, good). SILK MASQUE beat Naissant neck in 7-runner maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). Selection: BOSRA SHAM (nap)

### 3.40 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE RATED HANDICAP

BBC2

(3-Y-O: £5,380: 1m str) (7 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | (2) | 55210- | POLAR PRINCE 189 (G) (Mrs C Stevenson) M Jarvis 9-7 | P Robinson | 86 |
| 402 | (1) | 40218- | TSARNISTA 188 (G) (I Stewart-Brown) J Dunlop 9-7 | J Reid | 90 |
| 403 | (4) | 311- | CARBURTON 181 (F,S) (B Farr) J Glover 9-5 | Paul Eddery | 95 |
| 404 | (3) | 04022-4 | DECISION MAKER 17 (Boardroom Syndicate) R Hannon 8-13 | Dane O'Neill (5) | 91 |
| 405 | (6) | 50620-4 | THERHEA 22 (R Gudge/C Lewis/M Calvert) B Millman 8-8 | T Quinn | 94 |
| 406 | (5) | 2441- | ASHJAR 179 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 | R Hills | [illegible] |
| 407 | (7) | 050- | LITTLE MILLIE 183 (T Pearce) P Hayward 8-7 | F Lynch (5) | 78 |

Long handicap: Little Millie 7-7.

BETTING: 9-4 Ashjar, 7-2 Carburton, 4-1 Tsarnista, 5-1 Polar Prince, 6-1 Decision Maker, 10-1 Therhea, 25-1 Little Millie.

1995: CRUMPTON HILL 8-1 Paul Eddery (12-1) N Graham 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

POLAR PRINCE beat Stellar Line 1¾l in 16-runner Haydock maiden (7f, good) penultimate start. TSARNISTA 6l last of 8 to Brighstone in Doncaster conditions race (1m, good to firm). CARBURTON, completed double, beat Angel Times ¾l in 11-runner Doncaster nursery (7f, good to firm). DECISION MAKER 5l 4th of 12 to High Baroque in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good). THERHEA about 6l 4th of 5 to Weetman's Weigh in handicap at Leicester (6f, soft). ASHJAR beat Glen Parker 3l in 9-runner maiden at Lingfield (7f, good). Selection: CARBURTON

### 4.15 BRIDGET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,013: 7f) (19 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (7) | ALAJYAL (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 | W Carson | – |
| 502 | (12) | AUNTY JANE (P Locke) B Hills 8-11 | M Hills | – |
| 503 | (13) | BOMBAY SAPPHIRE (P Tellwright) R Hannon 8-11 | R Perham | – |
| 504 | (17) | COVERED GIRL (M Legge) B Hills 8-11 | B Thomson | – |
| 505 | (5) | DESERT SKIMMER (T Harris) M Bell 8-11 | M Fenton | – |
| 506 | (1) | DIVINE QUEST (Lady Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 | Pat Eddery | – |
| 507 | (3) | EMY COASTING (C Singer) P Cole 8-11 | T Quinn | – |
| 508 | (2) | KOWTOW (T Barker) M Usher 8-11 | R Street | – |
| 509 | (16) | LARISSA (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 | P Robinson | – |
| 510 | (14) | LUNDA (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 | B Doyle | – |
| 511 | (8) | POMONA (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Makin 8-11 | W Ryan | – |
| 512 | (4) | SANDHILL (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 | L Dettori | – |
| 513 | (10) | SATIN BELL (N Jones) J Dunlop 8-11 | R Hughes | – |
| 514 | (9) | SHALATEENO (G Palmer) M Channon 8-11 | A Gorman | – |
| 515 | (11) | SHINE (The Queen) I Balding 8-11 | K Darley | – |
| 516 | (15) | TAKING LIBERTIES (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 | J Reid | – |
| 517 | (6) | WHISPERED MELODY (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11 | G Hind | – |

BETTING: 3-1 Divine Quest, 9-2 Sandhill, 5-1 Taking Liberties, 8-1 Larissa, 10-1 Satin Bell, Emy Coasting, 12-1 others.

1995: TARHHIB 8-11 W Carson (13-8 fav) J Gosden 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOMBAY SAPPHIRE: Sister by Be My Chief to 1m-1m 1f winner My Gina; dam won in Italy. DIVINE QUEST: Sister by Kris to smart French sprinter Divine Danse. LARISSA: First foal by Soviet Star, dam stayer. SANDHILL: Sister by Danehill to a winner abroad. SATIN BELL: Half-sister by Midyan to 6f winner Star Tulip. TAKING LIBERTIES: Half-sister by Royal Academy to two winners in Australasia. NO SELECTION

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### 4.45 NEWBURY RACECOURSE SHOPPING ARCADE RATED HANDICAP

(£8,507: 5f 34yd) (15 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | (3) | 20600-0 | DARING DESTINY 27 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs A Wright) K Burke 5-9-7 | R Hughes | 85 |
| 602 | (4) | 430030- | BRAVE EDGE 188 (D,F,G) (Homs Vale Partners) R Hannon 5-9-6 | Dane O'Neill (5) | 89 |
| 603 | (12) | 0/01112- | SPANIARDS CLOSE 183 (D,G,S) (Avon Industries) P Makin 8-9-4 | Pat Eddery | 90 |
| 604 | (10) | 62540-0 | LENNOX LEWIS 9 (D,F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-9-1 | K Hopkins (7) | 92 |
| 605 | (9) | 364000- | JAYANNPEE 195 (D,F,G) (J Pavlicou) I Balding 5-9-0 | L Dettori | 92 |
| 606 | (11) | 631003- | BOWDEN ROSE 177 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs C Ward) M Blanshard 4-8-8 | C Adamson (5) | 90 |
| 607 | (1) | 111230- | TOP BANANA 216 (CD,F,G) (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 5-8-8 | C Rutter | 90 |
| 608 | (15) | 11060-0 | LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 28 (V,D,F,G,S) (Elite Racing) M Heaton-Ellis 8-8-8 | A Clark | 90 |
| 609 | (13) | 420000- | LORD OLIVIER 195 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Jarvis) W Jarvis 6-8-8 | J Reid | 97 |
| 610 | (7) | 0-00110 | ANZIO 11 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (T Stanton) Miss G Kelleway 5-8-7 | R Cochrane | 97 |
| 611 | (14) | 60561-4 | ZIGGY'S DANCER 20 (D,F,G) (J Berry) E Alston 5-8-7 | S D Williams | [illegible] |
| 612 | (6) | 20042-5 | SAILORMAITE 107 (BF,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 5-8-5 | R Price | 94 |
| 613 | (2) | 200000- | HOW'S YER FATHER 172J (D,F,G,S) (Unity Farm Centre) R Hodges 10-8-4 | B Doyle | 87 |
| 614 | (5) | 643603 | TAFAHHUS 7 (F) (R Newton) M Polglase 4-8-4 | F Lynch (5) | 89 |
| 615 | (8) | 10000-0 | MACFARLANE 11 (D,G,S) (P F-Godley) M F-Godley 8-8-4 | Martin Dwyer (7) | 75 |

Long handicap: How's Yer Father 7-13, Tafahhus 7-9, Macfarlane 7-7.

BETTING: 4-1 Lord High Admiral, 13-2 Top Banana, 7-1 Jayannpee, Spaniards Close, 9-1 Ziggy's Dancer, 10-1 Anzio, 11-1 Daring Destiny, 12-1 Brave Edge, Lennox Lewis, 14-1 others.

1995: ROYALE FIGURINE 4-9-0 W R Swinburn (12-1) M Fetherston-Godley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARING DESTINY 11l 7th of 8 to Fire Dome in listed race at Doncaster (6f, soft). SPANIARDS CLOSE 3l 2nd of 16 to Domulla in handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft) with BOWDEN ROSE (9lb better off) 2½l 7th and LENNOX LEWIS (2lb better off) 35½l 16th. LENNOX LEWIS 11l 9th of 24 to Super Benz in handicap at Ripon (6f, good). BOWDEN ROSE 2l and short-head 3rd of 5 to Sasaedo in conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, firm). ANZIO beat Sycamore Lodge 4l in 21-runner handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start with LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (10LB better off) 3½l 7th and TAFAHHUS (4lb better off) 11½l 14th. ZIGGY'S DANCER beat Inherent Magic ½l in 9-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f). Selection: DARING DESTINY

### 5.15 THATCHAM HANDICAP (£5,248: 2m) (8 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | 012- | CORRADINI 198 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-10-0 | Pat Eddery | 87 |
| 2 | (7) | 40000-1 | SHADIRWAN 28 (D,F,G,S) (C Batt) R Akehurst 5-9-5 | T Quinn | [illegible] |
| 3 | (8) | 2/000-34 | GOLDEN ARROW 13 (S) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-8-13 | L Dettori | 92 |
| 4 | (6) | 12620/2 | KADASTROF 6 (G,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 6-8-13 | Dane O'Neill (5) | 96 |
| 5 | (3) | 24356-0 | CYPRESS AVENUE 13 (C Spence-Phillips) R Hannon 4-8-13 | R Perham | 98 |
| 6 | (4) | 6-65200 | JOHNS ACT 6 (V,C,G,S) (Jack Brown (Bookmaker) Ltd) D Haydn Jones 6-8-9 | J Reid | 89 |
| 7 | (1) | 001/ | KAMIKAZE 38J (S) (Major B Gatensbury) J White 6-8-0 | B Doyle | – |
| 8 | (2) | 1000-52 | WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC 13 (C,G,S) (E Houghton) J Moore 4-7-13 | J F Egan | 91 |

BETTING: 2-1 Shadirwan, 7-2 Golden Arrow, 9-2 Corradini, 5-1 Witney-De-Bergerac, 8-1 Kadastrof, 10-1 Cypress Avenue, 12-1 Johns Act, 20-1 Kamikaze.

1995: BOLD GAIT 4-9-10 D Harrison (4-1) J Fanshawe 10 ran

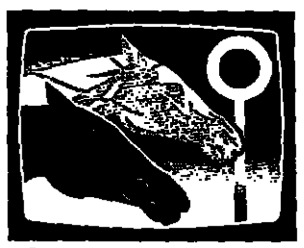
FORM FOCUS

CORRADINI 4l 2nd of 3 to Bahamian Sunshine in conditions race at York (1m 6f, good). SHADIRWAN beat Noyan 5l in 20-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to soft). KADASTROF head 2nd of 12 to Purple Splash in handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good to soft) with JOHNS ACT 28l 7th. KAMIKAZE beat Fools Errand 3½l in 15-runner maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, soft) Sept 1993. WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC 1¼l 2nd of 18 to Wannaplantatree in Kempton handicap (2m, good) with GOLDEN ARROW (5lb better off) 3¾l 4th and CYPRESS AVENUE (6lb better off) 29l 13th. Selection: WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rns | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J Gosden | 31 | 116 | 26.7 | L Dettori | 38 | 192 | 19.8 |
| P Chapple-Hyam | 32 | 121 | 26.4 | J Reid | 42 | 234 | 17.9 |
| Miss G Kelleway | 3 | 12 | 25.0 | Pat Eddery | 37 | 225 | 16.4 |
| H Cecil | 14 | 76 | 18.4 | W Carson | 32 | 199 | 16.1 |
| Lady Herries | 6 | 35 | 17.1 | G Hind | 3 | 23 | 13.0 |
| R Charlton | 17 | 101 | 16.8 | W Ryan | 10 | 78 | 12.8 |

# Air Quest can take off in style



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWBURY

BBC2

**2.40:** Smilin N Wishin has by far the best form of those to have run as a two-year-old, finishing a good second to Classic Eagle at Chepstow. Peter Chapple-Hyam has his horses well forward and boasts a high first-time-out strike-rate with his three-year-olds. The Lyphard's Wish filly holds an Oaks entry and looks sure to acquit herself well, but I just prefer the chances of the unraced **Air Quest**. He is a full-brother to Quest For Fame, the 1990 Derby winner, who began his three-year-old career by winning this race.

RICHARD EVANS

*Nap: AIR QUEST*
(2.40 Newbury)
*Next best: Brave Edge*
(4.45 Newbury)

**3.10:** Henry Cecil has made an excellent start to the season and it will be a serious setback if **Bosra Sham** is beaten here. The impressive winner of the Fillies' Mile at Ascot is a warm favourite for the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas and has been delighting Cecil with her homework.

Form students will pay close attention to how the progressive Najiya performs as John Dunlop's filly finished third to Blue Duster, second favourite for the 1,000, in the Cheveley Park Stakes. The Nashwan filly has a lovely stride and has been working well at Arundel, but may be better in the summer according to her trainer. Silk Masque justified a tall home reputation by winning her only start at Goodwood and will be suited by today's extra distance.

**3.40:** Ashjar looks best in at the weights judged on his Lingfield victory, where he was well drawn, but Tom Jones has yet to hit top form and the Kris colt is not certain to be so effective over a mile.

Carburton, winner of two of his three starts, is clearly open to further improvement, but preference is for **Polar Prince**. The winner of a decent 16-runner Haydock maiden, he appeared not to appreciate being held up on his final start but should go well here.

Richard Evans

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THUNDERER

2.15 Master Charter. 2.50 Baileys First. 3.20 Double Park. 3.50 Stolen Kiss. 4.25 Benatom. 4.55 Nasheat.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 PINE RIDGE LAD.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

### 2.15 OAKSTRIPE HANDICAP

(£3,344: 1m) (18 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (7) | 16-1 | MASTER CHARTER 11 (F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-1 (6ex) | K Fallon | 97 |
| 2 | (15) | 4204 | LEGAL ISSUE 20 (F) W Haigh 4-10-0 | P McCabe (3) | 89 |
| 3 | (2) | 00-0 | ONEOFTHEOLDONES 15 (D,G) J Norton 4-9-11 | J Fortune | 90 |
| 4 | (17) | 1211 | PINE RIDGE LAD 20 (D,F,G) J Eyre 6-9-11 | R Lappin | [illegible] |
| 5 | (6) | 00-0 | WENTBRIDGE LAD 20 (V,D,F,G,S) P Evans 6-9-11 | S Sanders | 99 |
| 6 | (4) | 302- | BOLLIN FRANK 201 (D,F) T Easterby 4-9-8 | M Birch | 87 |
| 7 | (12) | 6-06 | NOBLE NEPTUNE 71 (D,F) W Musson 4-9-8 | G Carter | 89 |
| 8 | (1) | 1821 | RAMBO WALTZER 8 (D,G,S) D Nicholls 4-9-6 | Alex Greaves | 98 |
| 9 | (8) | 12-0 | CHAIRMANS CHOICE 51 (D,F,G) A Jarvis 6-9-6 | J Tate | 92 |
| 10 | (14) | 53-0 | SPANISH STEPS 24 M W Easterby 4-9-6 | J Weaver | 89 |
| 11 | (10) | 3413 | AWESOME VENTURE 10 (D,G,S) M Chapman 6-9-5 | C Munday (7) | 93 |
| 12 | (3) | 045- | THATCHED 178 (D,F) R Barr 6-9-4 | P Fessey (5) | 90 |
| 13 | (9) | 0/0- | EDGAR KIRBY 252 P Harris 5-9-4 | M Henry (5) | – |
| 14 | (18) | 00-0 | MURPHY'S GOLD 20 (D,F) R Fahey 5-9-4 | A Culhane | 86 |
| 15 | (13) | 00-5 | SCORPIUS 20 (G) T Clement 6-9-3 | J Stack (3) | 91 |
| 16 | (11) | 5100 | TWIN CREEKS 34 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-9-3 | G Duffield | 98 |
| 17 | (5) | 030- | TEE TEE TOO 142J (G) A Harrison 4-9-1 | W Woods | 93 |
| 18 | (16) | 00-0 | GYMCRAK HERO 9 (V) G Holmes 4-9-1 | A McGlone | – |

4-1 Pine Ridge Lad, 6-1 Rambo Waltzer, 6-1 Master Charter, 7-1 Bollin Frank, 10-1 Legal Issue, Awesome Venture, 12-1 Chairmans Choice, 14-1 others.

### 2.50 BRITON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,509: 6f) (6)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | 2244 | GOLDEN POUND 15 (B) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-10 | K Fallon | 98 |
| 2 | (5) | 334- | ALAMEIN 234 W Haggas 3-8-13 | W Woods | 98 |
| 3 | (4) | 844- | BRANDONVILLE 188 N Tinkler 3-8-13 | Kim Tinkler | 97 |
| 4 | (6) | 330- | BAILEYS FIRST 188 M Johnston 3-8-10 | J Weaver | [illegible] |
| 5 | (2) | 025- | CHALICE 191 J Balding 3-8-10 | J Edmunds (7) | 97 |
| 6 | (3) | 005- | SHADY GIRL 190 B Hills 3-8-10 | J D Smith (5) | 92 |

9-4 Golden Pound, 5-2 Alamein, 3-1 Shady Girl, 6-1 Baileys First, 7-1 Brandonville, 14-1 Chalice.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Wall, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; S Woods, 3 from 7, 42.9%; H Cecil, 8 from 21, 38.1%; B Hills, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Stoute, 6 from 28, 21.4%; D Morley, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: W Woods, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; G Duffield, 26 from 93, 28.0%; J Weaver, 17 from 87, 19.5%; D McKeown, 12 from 88, 13.6%; K Fallon, 11 from 89, 12.4%; A McGlone, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

### 3.20 CLIFTON FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,692: 5f) (6)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | 1 | NORTHERN SAL 16 (D,S) J Berry 8-10 | G Carter | – |
| 2 | (5) | 2 | DOUBLE PARK 9 M Johnston 8-8 | J Weaver | – |
| 3 | (4) | 1 | ENCHANTING EVE 20 (D,G) C Allen 8-8 | M Henry (5) | – |
| 4 | (3) | 1 | HIT OR MISS 28 (D,S) M Channon 8-8 | D Harrison | – |
| 5 | (2) | 1 | JENNELLE 25 (D,S) C Dwyer 8-8 | J Stack (3) | – |
| 6 | (6) | 3 | NIGHTINGALE SONG 7 M Meade 8-8 | R Havlin (5) | – |

9-4 Double Park, 5-2 Northern Sal, 5-1 Enchanting Eve, 6-1 Hit Or Miss, 7-1 Jennelle, 8-1 Nightingale Song.

### 3.50 HAMBLETON LIMITED STAKES

(£4,045: 5f) (8)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (7) | 06-6 | FRENCH GRIT 9 (D,F) M Dods 4-9-4 | W Woods | 98 |
| 2 | (8) | 230- | HERE COMES A STAR 188 (C,D,F,G) J Carr 8-9-4 | A Culhane | 89 |
| 3 | (4) | 5-00 | PORTEND 9 (D,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-4 | C Teague (5) | 91 |
| 4 | (6) | 00-1 | STOLEN KISS 24 (B,D,F,S) M W Easterby 4-9-4 | J Weaver | [illegible] |
| 5 | (2) | 300- | SHASHI 204 (D,F) W Haigh 4-9-1 | Dale Gibson | 94 |
| 6 | (3) | 1- | ANGAAR 204 (D,S) A Stewart 3-8-8 | D Harrison | 91 |
| 7 | (5) | 2-32 | PRIDE OF BRIXTON 11 (BF) G Lewis 3-8-8 | S Whitworth | 94 |
| 8 | (1) | 1- | SPLINTER 275 (D,F) R Charlton 3-8-8 | S Sanders | 95 |

7-4 Splinter, 11-4 Angaar, 7-2 Stolen Kiss, 6-1 French Grit, 7-1 Pride Of Brixton, 12-1 Here Comes A Star, 14-1 others.

### 4.25 SOWERBY MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,743: 1m 4f) (7)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | 30- | ANCHOR VENTURE 195 S Woods 9-0 | W Woods | 80 |
| 2 | (6) | 02- | BENATOM 200 H Cecil 9-0 | A McGlone | 91 |
| 3 | (1) | 0-0 | CHARMING ADMIRAL 11 C Wall 9-0 | G Duffield | – |
| 4 | (4) | 4-2 | CLERKENWELL 11 M Stoute 9-0 | K Fallon | [illegible] |
| 5 | (5) | | GOOL LEE SHAY R Whitaker 9-0 | A Culhane | – |
| 6 | (7) | | NAYIB D Morley 9-0 | G Carter | – |
| 7 | (3) | | DISPOL AGENDA G Oldroyd 8-9 | M Birch | – |

5-4 Clerkenwell, 6-4 Benatom, 6-1 Nayib, 12-1 Anchor Venture, 20-1 Charming Admiral, 33-1 Gool Lee Shay, Dispol Agenda.

### 4.55 BIRDFORTH HANDICAP

(£3,361: 7f) (16)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (4) | 4-31 | PRIMO LARA 7 (D,F) P Haslam 4-10-1 (6ex) | M Henry (5) | 97 |
| 2 | (3) | 0-00 | ANONYM 9 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-10-0 | S Maloney | 87 |
| 3 | (9) | 000- | SELHURSTPARK FLYER 187 (F,S) J Berry 5-10-0 | P Roberts (5) | 98 |
| 4 | (12) | -130 | BARGASH 4 (D,F,S) P Evans 4-9-10 | S Sanders | 86 |
| 5 | (15) | 3108 | NASHAAT 23 (D,F,G,S) M Chapman 8-9-7 | K Fallon | 92 |
| 6 | (6) | 1200 | WHITE SORREL 11 (D,G) A Harrison 5-9-7 | G Faulkner (7) | 92 |
| 7 | (13) | 46-2 | EVAN 'ELP US 23 (B,D,G) J Eyre 4-9-4 | D Pears (3) | 94 |
| 8 | (1) | 4222 | CRETAN GIFT 11 (V,G) N Littmoden 5-9-4 | T G McLaughlin | 88 |
| 9 | (8) | 00-0 | SOUPERFICIAL 7 (V,D,F,S) J Glover 5-9-2 | J Fortune | 91 |
| 10 | (10) | 0-06 | OCHOS RIOS 7 (D,F,G,S) B Rothwell 5-9-1 | L Charnock | 93 |
| 11 | (2) | 1405 | TAME DEER 32 (G) M Chapman 4-9-1 | C Munday (7) | 98 |
| 12 | (11) | 3-60 | ZAIN DANCER 23 (D) D Nicholls 4-9-1 | Alex Greaves | 85 |
| 13 | (14) | 1322 | DESERT INVADER 32 (D,G,S) D Chapman 5-8-13 | D McKeown | [illegible] |
| 14 | (5) | 5235 | MONIS 48 (V,F) J Balding 5-8-11 | J Edmunds (7) | 88 |
| 15 | (7) | 014- | SIZZLING SYMPHONY 274 (D,F) R Fahey 3-8-10 | A Culhane | 89 |
| 16 | (16) | 20-0 | SEA-AYR 20 (D,F) Mrs S Austin 6-8-5 | G Duffield | 88 |

7-2 Primo Lara, 5-1 Cretan Gift, 7-1 Evan 'elp Us, 8-1 Bargash, 10-1 Desert Invader, 14-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 16-1 others.

## AYR

THUNDERER

2.00 Baronet. 2.35 Penrose Lad. 3.05 Old Bridge. 3.35 Savoy. 4.05 One For The Pot. 4.35 Moynsha House.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

### 2.00 FAIRFIELD HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE (£3,123: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2411 | BARONET 13 (D,F,S) D Nicholson 6-12-3 | R Johnson (3) |
| 2 | -142 | BOLD ACCOUNT 31 (D,G) G Moore 6-11-10 | N Bentley |
| 3 | 0501 | GRATE DEEL 78 (B,F) P Beaumont 6-11-10 | R Supple |
| 4 | R | BY CRIKEY 62P C Parker 6-11-3 | D Parker (3) |
| 5 | 02 | CELTIC GIANT 69 L Lungo 6-11-3 | T Reed |
| 6 | 220P | LOTTERY TICKET 21 (S) J Edwards 7-11-3 | M A Fitzgerald |
| 7 | 0800 | SPACEAGE GOLD 28 J Old 7-11-3 | G Upton |
| 8 | 5090 | CRAIGIE RAMBLER 31 D Robertson 7-10-12 | J Burke |

6-4 Baronet, 7-2 Bold Account, 5-1 Lottery Ticket, 6-1 Grate Deel, 8-1 Celtic Giant, Spaceage Gold, 12-1 others.

### 2.35 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,591: 2m) (9)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0131 | GENERATOR 25 (D,G,S) T Easterby 5-11-9 | L Wyer |
| 2 | 6245 | CITTADINO 31 (G) C Thornton 6-11-2 | M Foster |
| 3 | 005 | GREAT GABLE 48 D Moffatt 5-11-2 | D J Moffatt |
| 4 | 0060 | OUT BY NIGHT 43 G Moore 5-11-2 | N Bentley |
| 5 | 563 | PENROSE LAD 29 D Nicholson 6-11-2 | R Johnson (3) |
| 6 | F- | RUMBLEINTHEJUNGLE 353 B Mactaggart 5-11-2 | S Melrose (7) |
| 7 | F04P | SUPREME GENOTIN 49 (S) J Old 7-11-2 | G Upton |
| 8 | 4-60 | BAREFOOT LANDING 42 C Parker 5-10-11 | D Parker (3) |
| 9 | 6/6 | GAELIC CHARM 13 J Charlton 8-10-11 | B Storey |

6-4 Generator, 7-2 Penrose Lad, Supreme Genotin, 7-1 Cittadino, 10-1 Gaelic Charm, 12-1 Barefoot Landing, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Easterby, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; C Thornton, 6 from 24, 25.0%; G Richards, 47 from 204, 23.0%; J J O'Neill, 19 from 90, 21.1%; J Fitzgerald, 3 from 16, 18.8%; A Whillans, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Roche, 9 winners from 36 rides, 25.0%; L Wyer, 8 from 43, 18.6%; A Dobbin, 23 from 129, 17.8%; B Storey, 26 from 179, 14.5%; R Supple, 3 from 21, 14.3%; N Bentley, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

### 3.05 HILLHOUSE QUARRY HANDICAP CHASE

(£7,108: 2m 4f) (6)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F11F | OLD BRIDGE 22 (D,G,S) A Turnell 8-11-10 | S McNeill |
| 2 | 1B50 | MASTER BOSTON 22 (D,G,S) R Woodhouse 8-11-8 | L Wyer |
| 3 | 6U63 | WIND FORCE 11 (CD,F,G) G Richards 11-11-3 | B Harding |
| 4 | -111 | MAJOR BELL 41 (CD,F,G,S) A Whillans 8-10-7 | A Dobbin |
| 5 | 1521 | FIVE TO SEVEN 8 (F,G,S) C Thornton 7-10-3 (6ex) | P Carberry |
| 6 | -064 | FUNNY OLD GAME 41 (CD,S) D McCune 9-10-0 | A Thornton |

9-4 Old Bridge, 3-1 Five To Seven, 7-2 Major Bell, 4-1 Master Boston, 6-1 Wind Force, 16-1 Funny Old Game.

### 3.35 HAMILTON CAMPBELL ILPH NOVICES CHASE (£4,269: 3m 1f) (4)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | UP31 | MERLIN'S LAD 10 (F,S) J Edwards 7-11-8 | M A Fitzgerald |
| 2 | -233 | SAVOY 25 (BF,G) G Richards 9-11-2 | P Carberry |
| 3 | 6066 | TEMPLE GARTH 105 (G,S) P Beaumont 7-11-2 | R Supple |
| 4 | 204P | SEEKING GOLD 37 J Barclay 7-10-11 | A Thornton |

4-5 Savoy, 5-4 Merlin's Lad, 14-1 Seeking Gold, 20-1 Temple Garth.

### 4.05 ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,847: 2m) (6)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2P04 | POLITICAL TOWER 20 (CD,G,S) R Nixon 9-11-11 | T Reed |
| 2 | 3213 | NEWLANDS-GENERAL 10 (D,BF,G,S) J Fitzgerald 10-11-5 | M Dwyer |
| 3 | 1222 | DE JORDAAN 154 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 9-11-5 | R Dunwoody |
| 4 | 2155 | ONE FOR THE POT 10 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 11-11-0 | M Foster |
| 5 | 4454 | RODEO STAR 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 10-10-9 | J Railton |
| 6 | 4241 | DEAR DO 13 (D,F,G,S) N Henderson 9-10-7 | M A Fitzgerald |

2-1 Dear Do, 5-2 Newlands-General, 5-1 One For The Pot, 6-1 De Jordaan, 7-1 Political Tower, 8-1 Rodeo Star.

### 4.35 CARRICK COWIE TORRY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,941: 2m) (12)

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| 1 | 1FFP | SONSIE MO 10 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 11-11-12 | A Watt (5) |
| 2 | 22F/ | PRINCIPAL PLAYER 716 (D,G) P Monteith 6-11-9 | G Cahill |
| 3 | 1464 | CURRENT SPEECH 25 (B,D,S) T Easterby 5-11-2 | R Johnson |
| 4 | 0652 | SARMATIAN 18 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-2 | R Burns (5) |
| 5 | 622P | STEADFAST ELITE 16F (G) J J O'Neill 5-11-1 | A Roche |
| 6 | F443 | CANAAN VALLEY 31 D Robertson 8-11-0 | E Callaghan |
| 7 | 3R50 | KEEP BATTLING 9F (D,G) J Goldie 6-10-11 | F Leahy |
| 8 | 1-53 | MOYNSHA HOUSE 8 (V,D,G,S) B Curley 8-10-10 | B Fenton |
| 9 | -PP5 | CHUMMY'S SAGA 100 (F) L Lungo 6-10-9 | E Husband |
| 10 | 1050 | MARCO MAGNIFICO 23F (D,F) T Dyer 6-10-7 | A Linton (5) |
| 11 | 054/ | ELGIN 783 (CD,S) G Richards 7-10-6 | B Harding |
| 12 | 6051 | MISS GREENYARDS 18 (D,F) A Whillans 5-10-0 | D Parker |

3-1 Moynsha House, 4-1 Current Speech, 5-1 Miss Greenyards, 8-1 Sarmatian, Steadfast Elite, Canaan Valley, 14-1 others.

☐ Emma O'Gorman remained in hospital yesterday as she recovered from a nasty fall on board Simply Times at Newmarket on Wednesday. The jockey, aged 22, was being detained in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, for observation but her injuries are not thought to be serious. O'Gorman, was thrown to the ground when Simply Times, trained by her father, collapsed and somersaulted in the closing stages of the NGK Spark Plugs Bartlow Maiden Fillies' Stakes. It took paramedics more than ten minutes to remove O'Gorman from under the stricken filly, who made a remarkable recovery.

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## Belgian runner keeping an eye on weather forecast for London Marathon

# Rousseau has a head start on field

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

GERMAN SILVA, the New York City Marathon champion for the past two years, drew the biggest laugh at the overseas challengers' press conference yesterday for the Flora London Marathon on Sunday. As a boy, Silva worked on an orange plantation. "I used to carry oranges on my back," the 5ft 3in Mexican said. "That is why I did not grow much and why I am strong in my legs."

Whether Silva will have the marathon's last laugh may depend on whether Vincent Rousseau can produce another of his scorching times. Rousseau sat quietly on one side of David Bedford, the élite race director, yesterday while Silva sat on the other, chirpily answering questions and making jokes. When Rousseau spoke, the tone was altogether more serious. He seemed more content to save his breath for Sunday.

**The complete list of finishers and times will be published in *The Times* next week**

Although Dionicio Ceron, Silva's compatriot, is on a hat-trick of London Marathon victories, Rousseau is ranked alongside him as joint favourite. He is the only athlete to have beaten 2hr 08min twice and, though his training was interrupted in January by an Achilles tendon injury, he demonstrated his London potential by running 1hr 02min 06sec for the Stramilano half-marathon in Italy three weeks ago.

A marathon runner must use his head as much as his heart and lungs and Rousseau, from Belgium, thinks more than most. He refuses to race in warm weather because he performs poorly and, for that reason, will not even chance his luck in the Olympic marathon in Atlanta. "I have a sinus problem and, when it is hot, my nose is completely blocked," he said.

When he went to the line for the Rotterdam Marathon last year, he was on $100,000 to start. He could have run only a few strides to be eligible for his appearance fee but stepped aside as the temperature rose to 21C. "I know I cannot run well in the hot weather, so why even try?" Rousseau said.

He has been attracted to London because only once, in 1982, has the temperature reached that level, and then only fleetingly. Mid-race temperatures are usually between seven and 13C. But there is another aspect which sets Rousseau apart from most, if not all, other marathon runners.

He goes so far as to say: "I think I am a little more intelligent than the others in my conception of training." Twice a week he trains in the morning before eating because, he says, he can simulate marathon running without travelling even close to full distance.

"In the first 30 kilometres of a marathon, you use carbohydrate and, in the last part, you use fat," Rousseau said. "If you eat, you need to run for one hour and 30 minutes before using the body fat. I run without eating because, after ten minutes of running, you start to use the fat."

Only 30 seconds outside the world best time of 2hr 06min 50sec in Berlin last autumn, Rousseau has his eyes on breaking it, though he is not suggesting he will achieve it in London. "The world record is broken when you do not expect it," he said. "If you plan it, you lose energy because you are thinking too much during the race." That said, Roussseau believes London can be a world record course, though its fastest so far is 2hr 08min 16sec. "The women's world record was set here so it must be possible," he added.

He believes, however, that he needs to get in quickly. The world mark, held by Belayneh Dinsamo, of Ethiopia, has stood for eight years but Rousseau predicts that Paul Tergat, from Kenya, who set a half-marathon world best in Stramilano, can go two minutes quicker than Dinsamo. "If I beat the world record it will be by ten or 15 seconds," Rousseau said, adding that 2hr 04min or 2 hr 05min was not within his range.

According to the forecast, there is a 70 per cent chance of rain on Sunday. Rain, also, is not to Rousseau's liking. "It makes your shoes heavier," he said, adding that a wet surface slows runners down because of the loosening on road grip.

His first consideration on Sunday is to win; the field may prove the strongest in London's 16-year history. "With a lot of potential winners, I do not want to lead and get a knife in my back," he said. When the knives are out, Rousseau may be the one doing the twisting.

DEB JENSON

Rousseau refuses to run when the temperature gets too high and will not run in the Olympic marathon in Atlanta

# Men from Atlanta flounder on Olympic tide

From Andrew Longmore
in Atlanta

THE Great Britain hockey team came to Atlanta to gain experience for the Olympics. They left yesterday, at the end of a week of chaos and comedy, with a respectable third place in a strong six-team invitation event — and a message as old as the *Mayflower*. In the United States, all is not quite what it seems.

Having been promised an early feel of the two Olympic pitches, they arrived to find one unplayable and the other unusable for contractual reasons. A practice pitch was described by the team manager, David Whittle, as the "worst I have ever seen for international hockey". Five members of the 14-man squad were so disillusioned that they voted to return home without hitting a ball.

"I thought Orlando was the Mickey Mouse capital of the world," Whittle said. "I was wrong. It turns out to be Atlanta." If banging heads together ever became an Olympic sport, Whittle would win gold.

Over the past week, he has cajoled, persuaded and bullied United States hockey officials into re-laying the second Olympic pitch at Clark Atlanta University in time for the last two days of the tournament, and into providing adequate medical facilities, decent changing-rooms and a team of ball boys.

On one memorable occasion, he was found hanging on to the side of a bulldozer directing building operations. When a construction gang turned off the main water supply minutes before the start of Britain's match against India on Sunday, however, even Whittle's temper began to fray.

Ultimately, the fire brigade was called to water the pitch and the match had to be postponed for half-an-hour, much to the fury of Star TV, which had booked time on a satellite to transmit the game live to India. A seven-page report by Whittle, delivered to Hans Birtels, the executive director of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), would not make edifying reading for the hard-pressed organisers of the Atlanta Games or the 10,000 athletes due to compete in them.

The headline in the *Atlanta Journal*, the local daily newspaper, marking the start of the 100-day countdown to the opening ceremony on July 19, was not too encouraging, either. It read: "We're praying for sun" above a picture of a bombsite, which, on closer inspection, turned out to be the home of the Centennial Olympic Park. The revised date for its completion is July 13, which leaves little margin for error.

The official line, traditionally peddled by Olympic cities at about this time every four years, is that it will be all right on the night. And it will be. It always is. But the experience of the British hockey team has done little to dampen a widely held view that the Atlantans, enthusiastic and willing to the core, are only just beginning to understand the size of the task delivered to them by the might of Coca-Cola and the television dollar.

On the field, David Whitaker, the coach of the Britain team, has had to squeeze some benefits out of adversity. An intense, shrewd coach, who guided the 1988 side to the gold medal in Seoul, he has begun to instil some resilience into this team. "That 1988 team were second in the world going into the Olympics, don't forget," he said. "This one is sixth, but we're making rapid strides in the right direction."

In Jason Laslett, Nicky Thompson and Julian Halls, the side is developing a strong spine and, in the case of the latter two, a hefty East End accent. Thompson and Halls, the former from Hackney, the latter from Southend, have come through the ranks together and, now that their rougher edges have been smoothed a little by sensitive management, they have lent a streetwise toughness to the team which men like Sean Kerly and David Barber provided eight years ago. Occasionally it boils over. Halls was sent off for dissent in the game against India and, though he claimed he was only doing what he had been told to do, was given a strong reminder the next morning of his duty to the team.

In the absence of an instinctive goalscorer like Kerly, this side relies heavily on stamina, graft and set plays. When Calum Giles, the short corner specialist, is out of sorts, however, as he has been here, goals are in short supply. "We have a lot of work to do in the final third of the field," Whitaker said. "But we've left some scars on this tournament. Other teams are regarding us now as a strong, competitive, side and that's important.

"We have also learnt to cope with the 'what if' factor: what if the lights fail, or the match is postponed for half-an-hour? These things happen. We have had a lot of practice at coping with them here."

With a tournament in Malaysia coming up in May and a hectic schedule of warm-up matches thereafter, the Britain team will not fail for lack of preparation. Whether the same will be said of Atlanta in 91 days' time is open to doubt.

The city will be ready for the Olympics, but just how ready?

**FINAL TABLE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pakistan | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 9 |
| India | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 8 |
| Britain | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| South Korea | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| Argentina | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 2 |
| United States | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 1 |

## WORD-WATCHING

**Answers from page 43**

GUBBINS

(b) The wild and savage inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Brentor, Devon. According to Fuller in his *Worthies*, 1661: "They lived in cots (rather holes than houses), having all in common, multiplying without marriage into many hundreds. Their language is the dross of the dregs of the vulgar Devonian. They held together like burrs." As explanation of the name, Fuller says: "We call the shavings of fish (which are of little worth) *gubbins*."

ASSHUR

(a) Originally the local god of Asshur, the capital of Assyria, he became the chief god of the kingdom. His symbol was the winged sun disc enclosing a male figure wearing a horned cap, often with a bow in his hand. His name was frequently linked with the goddess Ishtar of Nineveh.

ISRAFEL

(b) The angel of music for the Mohammedans. He possesses the most melodious voice of all God's creatures, and is to sound the Resurrection Trump which will ravish the ears of the saints in Paradise. "In Heaven a spirit doth dwell/ Whose heart-strings are a lute:/ None sing so wildly well/ As the angel Israfel,/ And the giddy stars (so legends tell),/ Ceasing their hymns, attend the spell/ Of his voice, all mute."

CROTONA'S SAGE

(c) Pythagoras. So called because he established his chief school of philosophy and the sum of the square of the hypotenuse in a right-angled triangle being the sum of the squares of the two smaller sides at Crotona in southern Italy, *circa* 530 BC. Such success followed his teaching that Crotona became a decorous and intellectual university town.

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RADIO CHOICE

# Marching off into history

**The Naval Music Deal.** *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

*Kaleidoscope*'s feature is an obituary of the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal. It bugled and drummed and saxophoned and clarinetted its way out of Deal and into the history books last month. Many a seasoned bandsman must have gone all misty-eyed on the last day. By all accounts, the musical training at Deal was as arduous as the military training. "They say we're military first and musicians second," one bandsman says. "So you've got to look the part and do what you're told." Fishing the bodies of fellow servicemen out of the sea during the Gulf War was a task for which no amount of music-making alone could ever have prepared a Royal Marine.

**The Classic Serial: The Constant Nymph.** *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

You won't require a hankie this afternoon as you listen to episode one of Margaret Kennedy's celebrated weepie, adapted for radio by Louise Paige. But keep a box of tissues handy for episode two on Sunday afternoon (repeated next Friday). *The Constant Nymph* is the ultimate in romantic novels. I doubt whether love's young dream was ever shattered in so many pieces. Maria Miles plays doomed Tessa, and Alan Cox is the composer, Lewis Dodd, the object of her affections. Florence, the dark cloud on the horizon, is played by Suzanna Hamilton. Errollyn Wallen composed the music that firmly stakes this somewhat dated story in the emotional soil of the 1920s.

**Peter Davalle**

### RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **1.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00** Anne Nightingale

### RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** *Jimmy Young* **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Paul Heiney **7.00** For Love Not Money (5/6) **7.30** *Friday Night is Music Night* **8.45** Bogarde on Film. The Patricia Neal Story (7/7) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Mavis Nicholson. *Radio 2 Arts Programme* **12.05am** Charles Nove

### RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** *Morning Reports* **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News; **3.10** Racing from Newbury **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.20** Friday Sport. Rugby League — Wigan v Bradford Bulls; Snooker: Preview of the World Championship **9.35** Stop Press. With John Diamond **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway, with Cuentin Cooper **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

**6.30am** The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00** Mike Dickin

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **6.45** Words and Music **6.50** The Insider's Guide **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Blues World **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** UFO's Fact or Fiction? **9.00** News in German **9.15** Music Review **9.45** Soundbyte **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Focus on Faith **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** *BBC* English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: Alternative **4.00** *News* **4.05** Sport **4.15** *BBC* English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.00** News **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: Alternative **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10** Spotlight **12.15** The Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack Alternative **1.00** News **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** News **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** News **3.30** *Meridian* **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** The *Vintage* Chart Show

### CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00** Robert Booth

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Howard Pearce

### RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air,** with Andrew MacGregor. Byrd (*Mass for Five Voices*); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat, *Spring*), Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in B flat, Op 7 No 9); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody); Rossini (Overture: *Il turco in Italia*); Strauss (*Festive Prelude*)

**9.00 Morning Collection,** with Catriona Young. Mozart (Symphony No 32 in G, K 318); Chopin (Polonaises, Op posth: in B flat minor, 1826; in G flat, 1829); Elgar (Three Characteristic Pieces); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor)

**10.00 Musical Encounters,** presented by Piers Burton-Page. *Artist of the Week* Charles Groves conducts the English Sinfonia. Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring) **10.07** Charpentier (Médée, Act 5); Schumann (Symphonic Studies, Op 13); Bach (Trio Sonata in C minor, BWV 526)

**12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy.** Includes, Jeux, 12 etudes pour piano (Nos 4-7), Violin Sonata

**1.00pm Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Stravinsky Plus.** Chris de Souza introduces chamber music by Igor Stravinsky. Anya Alexeyev, piano, Emperor Quartet. Also includes, Gubaidulina (Chaconne for piano); Prokofiev (*Visions fugitives* Nos 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 20); Shostakovich (Piano Quintet)

**2.00 Schools** Let's Make a Story **2.15** Music Box **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

**3.00 Mining the Archives.** Performances by the oboist *Janet Craxton*, and recollections from her colleagues and friends. Introduced by Susan Sharpe

**5.00 The Music Machine,** with Janice Forsyth

**5.15 In Tune.** Includes, Haydn Wood (*Miniature Overture: The City*); Haydn (Piano Trio in G minor, H XV 19); Liszt (*Psalm* 13)

**7.00 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment,** under Paul Daniel. Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Susan Parry, mezzo, William Dazeley, baritone, Antony Pay, clarinet, Choir of the Enlightenment. Kozeluch (Symphony No 5 in *G minor*); Gluck (*Iphigenie auf Tauris*) **8.20** Mozart's Vienna **8.40** Part 2. Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622)

**9.20 Emotion Pictures,** by Wim Wenders. Part five of the *dramatisation* by Neil Cargill. With Peter Capaldi, Gina McKee, Ricky Tomlinson, Saskia Reeves and Katy Odey

**9.40 A Selection of Songs,** by Copland, Stravinsky and Barber, Cathy Berberian, mezzo, Thomas Hampson, baritone, and Cheryl Studer, soprano

**10.00 Here and Now.** Includes, Birtwhistle (*Hochetus petrus*); Stockhausen (*Zeitmasze*); Birtwhistle (*Five Distances*); Jane Mielniczek (*Bernard*); John Buller (*Scribenery*); Maxwell Davies (*Ave maris stella*)

**12.00-1.00am Composer of the Week: Georg Muffat.** (r)

### RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

**9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs.** Viscount Rothermere talks to Sue Lawley (r)

**9.45 African Harvest.** Allan Little talks about southern Africa (4/4)

**10.00-10.30 News; Beyond Reasonable Doubt (FM** only). Narrated by Robert Kee, written by Rib Davis. With Sam Graham and David Rintoul (5/6)

**10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)**

**10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW** only)

**10.30 Woman's Hour**

**11.30 The Natural History Programme**

**12.00 News; You and Yours**

**12.25pm The Food Programme.** The future for Britain's hop industry **12.55** Weather

**1.00 The World at One.** With Nick Clarke

**1.40 The Archers 1.55** Shipping Forecast

**2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Constant Nymph.** See Choice (r)

**3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift**

**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Tim Marlow views the Jasper Johns sculptures on show at the Leeds City Art Gallery and follows Andrew Goldsworthy as he creates new work in the landscape

**4.45 Short Story: The Frome Basketball Player** by Michael Z. Lewin. A tall American joins the Frome Furies without ever having played a game of basketball in his life (r)

**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

**6.00 Six O'Clock News**

**6.30 Going Places**

**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**

**7.20 Pick of the Week**

**8.05 Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical debate in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, with journalist Paul Foot; Edna Longley, Professor of English at Queen's University, Belfast; Seamus Mallon MP, deputy leader of the SDLP; and David Trimble MP, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party

**8.50 Points of Departure.** Martin Woollacott of the *Guardian* describes the plight of the Kurds in northern Iraq (5/6) (r)

**9.15 Letter from America** by Alistair Cooke

**9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Naval Music Deal.** See Choice (r) **9.59** Weather

**10.00 The World Tonight**

**10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Devil's Own Work.** Ian Holm reads Alan Judd's prize-winning novella (5/5)

**11.00 Mammon.** Final part of a satirical sketch show about the activities of the multinational Mammon Corporation. Written by Barry Atkins, Will Buckley, Nick Hildred and David Spicer

**11.25 Tea Junction**

**11.45 Today in Parliament**

**12.00 News 12.27am** Weather **12.30 The Late Book: Kitchen** by Banana Yoshimoto (5/5) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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# It isn't only the budget that's unrealistic

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

The pleasure of spotting production economies may yet make **Ellington** (ITV) compulsive viewing. Watching the plot unfold each week is like monitoring a worried skinflint on an office outing, dipping a hand into a pocket occasionally ("Here, no, let *me*"), but then simply taking it out again when the danger has passed. I have rarely seen a prime-time drama as cheap as *Ellington*. Which is a shame, since the protagonist is supposedly a big-time sports promoter, in a world awash with dosh.

"I'll have a champagne cocktail," he says at Langan's (Langan's is given a very big plug in return for the location). "Make that two," says his companion. But they do not settle to a fabulous lunch, of course: the next shot shows Ellington standing up to go, and saying "Mm, that was nice", like a child at a toys' tea party where *nothing* has been served, but everybody has chewed air rather solemnly. After ordering the drinks, you can imagine Ellington running after the waiter and saying: "You did know we were just pretending about the champagne cocktails, didn't you?"

It's all like that. Just pretending. No, I'm quite happy with this glass of water, thanks. Night scenes in *Ellington* are filmed in daylight, a so-called tennis star is never seen to hit a ball (someone must have checked the price of body doubles), and Mark Cox is flattered into appearing on screen ("Mark COX?" "*The* Mark Cox?" says everybody), but is not asked to strike a ball either, because that would presumably entail a higher rate.

Viewers can be quite charitable about such details, if they can believe in the big story. But *Ellington* expects us to accept too many impossible things — such as, that a sports promoter would drop his young tennis star (and call the cops) at the first sign that she has engineered her own stalker, for publicity. I mean to say, *what?* "You should have played by the rules, Julie," he barks, and reaches for the phone. "Police?" he says. The viewer has time only to think, "Hang on. Would he? Doesn't he? Wouldn't it be more interesting if?" before the show is over and the tennis girl is history.

A story of more complex ethics unfolded in **Reputations** (BBC2) which this week examined the last Shah of Iran. Tim Kirby's well illustrated film depicted this man as a self-styled visionary king who had no idea his people didn't like him; who refused to believe they resented his Western notions of progress. Growing up in the shadow of his ruthless father, Reza Khan, he lacked the requisite steel himself, and so at key moments hesitated (or ran away) rather than attack his own people. Such an analysis did not quite account for everything, but it was certainly generous and humanising. It seemed to be saying that the Shah did his best, and that the tragedy of his failed kingship sets him alongside Shakespeare's Richard II at least.

Because it's true that the Shah believed in a very unfashionable idea: the divine right of kings. How interesting if that idea had been explored, if only for its poetic appeal. Instead we were shown an unfinished statue outside the Shah's palace: two massive bronze legs, severed at the thigh, part of a projected monument to Reza Khan. It was a fabulous image, much more compelling than toppled statues of jumped-up bureaucrats in Red Square. Yet it was left to the viewer to make the connection with Shelley's *Ozymandias*, with its vast and trunkless legs of stone ("Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair").

Unlikely to be popular in Iran, this *Reputations* was a stimulating film about grand impractical ideas of leadership. As Iran's economy prospered, the Shah assumed his people would just be happier and happier. Clips showed Westernised Iranian women buying Mary Quant make-up; the Shah went skiing; the dour black and white film turned to glitzy colour; Orson Welles did voice-overs for state occasions. What more could those Iranians possibly want? That was the mystery to the Shah, and to be honest, it remained a bit of a mystery last night.

Now what's this? A horse in a car? A doggies' wedding? A pig in a stars-and-stripes hat? Why, it must be ITV's much heralded **Hollywood Pets**! Hollywood is a pool of excess which never dries; however satirical you might feel about it, there will always be a story that blows your diamanté cat-collar clean off. Shadow, last night, was a lucky dog who went scuba-diving in a special suit costing "thousands and thousands of dollars". Well, as you can imagine, *it's not something you see every day.*

Mercifully limited to half an hour, *Hollywood Pets* attempts no analysis or history, of course. As viewers, we must be content to stretch our eyes and say "Oh no", and "Look! Look!". But I did wonder whether these pet stories were all authentically "Hollywood". The owners of Patches — a domesticated grey horse, who watches westerns from the couch — were cheerful hicks with no evident connection to movie money. In fact, they sounded more like the Tennessee cousins of Joe and Eddie Grundy. ("Patches" might equally have been the name of their car.)

Patches was a real character, however, the Gromit of the equine world. He munched drive-thru cheeseburgers, slept on a bed. Unlike the other pets featured last night, Patches gave the impression of making his own choices, possibly as a pragmatic response to the no-good laziness of his hosts. His whole demeanour (as he walked to the fridge for a beer, for example, or answered the phone) said "Oh, you just sit there, why don't you. *I'll* go."

## BBC1

**6.00am Business Breakfast** (11548)
**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (42819)
**9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (7719364)
**9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (s) (7879426)
**9.45 Kilroy** (s) (1002819)
**10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (92345)
**12.00 News** (Ceefax) regional news and weather (6705529) **12.05pm Room for Improvement** with Sean Rafferty and Denise Waterman (s) (8583819)
**12.35 Going for Gold**. Entertaining quiz show presented by Henry Kelly (s) (3634277)
**1.00 One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) (45906)
**1.30 Regional News** and weather (94376074)
**1.40 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (44485838)
**2.00 Moon Over Miami** (Ceefax) (s) (5925722)
**2.50 Today's Gourmet** (r) (s) (2985877)
**3.15 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (s) (8632548)
**3.30 Playdays** (r) (s) (1517432) **3.50 Monster Cafe** (r) (s) (8731567) **4.05 Casper Classics** (r) (s) (4059628) **4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie** (Ceefax) (s) (2714819) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (9313529)
**5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (1819180)
**5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (1942884)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (165074)
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (258)
**6.30 Regional News** magazines (838)
**7.00 Wipeout.** Paul Daniels hosts the game show. (Ceefax) (s) (7797) **WALES: 7.00** Don't Look Back (7797)
**7.30 Tomorrow's World.** Philippa Forrester reports from The Netherlands on the researcher who believes that cheese may hold the key to the ideal mosquito trap. Vivienne Parry reports on body fat (Ceefax) (s) (722)
**8.00 Hi-De-Hi! Trouble and Strife.** The classic comedy series set at Maplin's Holiday Camp in 1959 (r) (Ceefax) (9345)
**8.30 A Question of Sport.** David Coleman asks the questions in another round of the sporting quiz for celebrities (Ceefax) (s) (1180)
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News** (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1819)
**9.30** 999. (Ceefax) (s) (691109)
**10.20 FILM: Another 48 Hrs** (1990) with Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte. Sequel to *48 Hours*. Disgraced lawman Jack Cates is given 48 hours to come up with enough evidence to convict the drugs kingpin Iceman. He can think of nobody better to assist him than Iceman's real target, Reggie Hammond. Directed by Walter Hill (Ceefax) (s) (804797)
**11.55 FILM: Body Parts** (1991) with Jeff Fahey. A criminal psychologist involved in a car crash undergoes intensive surgery and emerges from hospital with a newly-grafted arm that develops a life of its own. He then finds out that the arm belonged to a serial killer. Directed by Eric Red (s) (580884)
**1.20am Weather** (7593778) **WALES: 1.20am** News headlines and weather (7593778)

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## BBC2

**6.00am Open University:** Biology (7543074) **6.25** Oceanography (7562109) **6.50** Sassetti Chapel, Santa Trinita (8539451)
**7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (4623074)
**7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (50884) **8.00 The Really Wild Show** (r) (1239180) **8.25 The Little Polar Bear** (r) (8657682) **8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons** (r) (s) (9424141)
**8.40 The Record** (8456161)
**9.05-1.45pm Daytime on Two.** Educational programmes, including
**11.20 Shakespeare Shorts: Romeo and Juliet** (9076722)

Harris and Mitchell star (midday)

**12.00 English File: Death of a Salesman** (11118)
**2.00 The Little Polar Bear** (r) (73544616) **2.05 William's Wish Wellingtons** (r) (s) (73543987) **2.10 Open View** (73462068)
**2.15 Racing from Newbury**. The **2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races (576628)
**3.55 News** (Ceefax) (2807548)
**4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (451)
**4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (635)
**5.00 Esther.** Esther Rantzen discusses the oldest profession (s) (1703)
**5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden** (r) (Ceefax) (987)
**6.00 Shooting Stars.** Comedy quiz show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (600)
**6.30 The Champions.** Fantasy espionage series (r). (Ceefax) (116345)
**7.20 Watch Out.** Simon King presents wildlife news (721155)
**7.30 The Transatlantic Sessions** (Ceefax) (s) (364) **NORTHERN IRELAND: 7.30** Three Colours Cezanne
**8.00 Top Gear Motorsport** (Ceefax) (s) (7987)
**8.30 Gardeners' World** (Ceefax) (s) (9722)
**9.00 Red Dwarf VI: Rimmerworld** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2161)
**9.30 Pulp Video** (r) (s) (41093)
**10.00 Have I Got News for You** (Ceefax) (s) (61677)
**10.30 Newsnight.** (Ceefax) (239703)
**11.15 Fantasy Football League** (s) (301703) **WALES: 11.15** Welsh Lobby (301703) **11.45** Fantasy Football League (300074) **12.15am** This Life (3426575) **1.00** Weatherview (7571556) **1.05** Underexposed (6293556) **1.20** Film: Father To Be (119597)
**11.45 This Life** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (814190)
**12.35am Under Exposed: The Private Collector** (s) (4088020)
**12.50 FILM: Father to Be** (1979) with Magnus Harenstam. First in a short season of films by Lasse Hallstrom. A would-be novelist finds his life complicated by his girlfriend's pregnancy. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom (Swedish with English subtitles) (645317). Ends at 2.40

## CHOICE

**Shakespeare Shorts**
*BBC2, 11.20am*

*Television personalities do battle with the Bard in a project designed to make Shakespeare accessible to schoolchildren. Here, as you have not seen them before, are Anna Friel of *Brookside* as Hermia, Patrick Robinson of *Casualty* as Mark Antony and Louise Lombard taking on Lady Macbeth. The productions bring the plays into the 20th century and offer novel interpretations of key characters. We start with *Romeo and Juliet* and the scene in which the heroine is kicking against her arranged marriage. She is played by Marcelle Duprey, presenter of the ITV children's programme *Delicious*, in a Caribbean setting. Duprey runs clips of previous Juliets and is not impressed. She reckons they are too timid to be believable. Duprey's Juliet is strong and gutsy.

**English File: Death of a Salesman**
*BBC2, midday*

Curiously, this is the first time British television has tackled Arthur Miller's famous play but the omission has been impressively remedied. A five-parter ostensibly aimed at schools, this is a production that deserves a wider audience. The budget may not stretch to elaborate sets but there has been no skimping on the human side. The director, David Thacker, is the foremost British interpreter of Miller's work, and the cast is so strong that Juliet Aubrey and Pam Ferris appear in relatively minor roles. Although you might not immediately recognise his voice or his face, Warren Mitchell is Willy Loman, the salesman returning to his Brooklyn home to reflect on a failed life. The challenge is to give an insignificant man a tragic dimension but Mitchell shows every sign of meeting it. Rosemary Harris plays his stoical wife.

**999**
*BBC1, 9.30pm*

You wonder how people get into these dreadful scrapes. If they didn't, of course, *999* would have to be taken off the air for lack of material. Tonight's rescues prove to be particularly nailbiting. A hang-glider pilot jumps off Ben Nevis for charity. But there is not enough wind and he falls like a stone. Also in Scotland, three part-time firefighters approach a smoking barn and are blown off their feet by a huge explosion. In Cornwall an 11-year-old boy playing on a rope swing loses his grip and ends up with a piece of tree branch through his neck. Regular viewers will know to expect more or less happy endings, but not before the stuntmen and special effects teams have had a ball. Michael Buerk adds his usual plug for first-aid courses, though whether elementary lifesaving skills would have saved tonight's unfortunates is unlikely.

**Have I Got News For You**
*BBC2, 10.00pm*

Forget Bosnia and Northern Ireland. The big headline of the week is that Paul Merton is missing from the new series of *Have I Got News For You*. His absence is temporary. He is working on another project and will be back in the autumn. But in the meantime the show which turned Merton from a little-known fringe comedian into a celebrity may seem strange. His impersonation of the naughty schoolboy who refuses to do what teacher tells him will be much missed. Angus Deayton, however, is still in charge and with Merton away, Ian Hislop may even savour a rare win. David Ashby, the Conservative MP at the centre of a recent libel case, is among tonight's guests. It is good to have the programme back though on past form a surfeit of wit over smut is probably too much to hope for.
Peter Waymark

## ITV

**6.00am GMTV** (8355780)
**9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** (s) (7950345)
**9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (6601884)
**10.00 The Time . . . the Place** (s) (2387277)
**10.35 This Morning** (44187277) **12.20pm Regional News** (Teletext) (6621513)
**12.30 ITN News** and weather (Teletext) (3620074)
**12.55 Murder, She Wrote: The Wind Around the Tower.** An Ireland-set mystery starring Angela Lansbury (s) (7509971)
**2.00 Home and Away**. (Teletext) (s) (54494600) **2.25 Chain Letters**. (Teletext) (s) (54586635) **2.50 The Good Health Guide**. (Teletext) (4822109)
**3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (7687364)
**3.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (7686635)
**3.30 Rosie and Jim** (r) (s) (8633971) **3.45 Zzzap!** (r) (s) (8638426) **4.00 Talespin** (r) (s) (2804451) **4.25 The Geeks** (Teletext) (s) (2814838) **4.55 Hang On** (s) (4869432)
**5.10 A Country Practice** (s) (8523726)
**5.40 News** and weather (Teletext) (518797)
**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (s) (161819)
**6.25 HTV News.** (Teletext) (257180)
**6.45 Sportsweek.** (Teletext) (120722)
**7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right.** (Teletext) (s) (8093)
**7.30 Coronation Street.** (Teletext) (890)

Leslie Phillips contemplates (8.00pm)

**8.00 The Bill.** Quinnan and Hollis must determine whether a pub-quiz champion (Leslie Phillips) is operating outside the rules. (Teletext) (1513)
**8.30 The Upper Hand.** Caroline has an offer to merge with another advertising agency (r) (Teletext) (s) (3548)
**9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Live Wire.** Army drama (r) (Teletext) (s) (9819)
**10.00 ITN News at Ten** and weather (Teletext) (25513) **10.30 HTV West** headlines and weather (447345)
**10.40 Entertaining Mr Wedlock.** A behind-the-scenes look at the entertainment business (171884)
**11.10 FILM: Rebel Rousers** (1967) starring Cameron Mitchell, Jack Nicholson and Bruce Dern. A drama about a motorcycle gang who terrorise a small Arizona town. Directed by Martin B. Cohen (168203)
**12.30am Hotel Babylon** (s) (7410662)
**1.10 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late** (s) (8099662)
**2.10 FILM: Darker Than Amber** (1970) starring Rod Taylor. A violent private detective drama directed by Robert Clouse (330223)
**3.55 Music Box Profile** (21013285)
**4.10 Not Fade Away** (r) (s) (5664310)
**5.00 On the Live Side.** For jazz fans (20204)
**5.30 ITN Morning News** (15285). Ends 6.00

**As HTV WEST except:**
**2.50pm-3.20 Yan Can Cook** (4822109)
**6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight** (312432)
**10.40 Friday Live** (439616)
**11.40 Hunter** (864695)

## WESTCOUNTRY

**As HTV West except:**
**12.55 Coronation Street** (3638093)
**1.25-1.55 Chain Letters** (79061529)
**1.55 Home and Away** (68098884)
**2.25 High Road** (54577987)
**2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary** (4367744)
**5.10 Home and Away** (8523726)
**6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live** (33074)
**10.00 News at Ten; Weather** (25513)
**10.30 Westcountry News** (365797)
**10.45 Film: Stealing Home** (28068838)

## CENTRAL

**As HTV West except:**
**12.55 Home and Away** (3638093)
**1.25 Chain Letters** (79061529)
**1.55 A Country Practice** (44386513)
**5.10 Shortland Street** (8523726)
**6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather** (312432)
**10.40 The Diary of Jack the Ripper** (60727971)
**12.15am Tales from the Crypt: Strung Along.** A puppet exacts revenge on the unfaithful wife of his puppeteer. Starring Donald O'Connor (9749489)
**12.40 Hotel Babylon** (7416846)
**1.20 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late** (8096575)
**2.20 The Chart Show** (7012846)
**3.10 Dear Nick** (2760107)
**4.05 Jobfinder** (6194556)
**5.20 Asian Eye** (1984662)

## MERIDIAN

**As HTV West except:**
**12.55pm-1.25 Chain Letters** (3638093)
**1.25 Home and Away** (79061529)
**1.55 A Country Practice** (44386513)
**5.10 Home and Away** (8523726)
**5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story** (899180)
**6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight** (33074)
**10.00 News at Ten; Weather** (25513)
**10.40 Only a Game!** (171884)
**11.10 Good Advice** (804616)
**11.40 The War of the Worlds** (864695)
**5.00am Freescreen** (20204)

## S4C

**Starts: 6.25 Fifteen to One** (3258155) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (35529) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (11190) **9.30 Film: Four Men and a Prayer** (62529) **11.00 Tears of the Dragon** (54600) **12.00 Sesame Street** (35432) **1.00pm Slot Meithrin** (39516) **1.30 Blue Wilderness** (59068) **2.00 Film: Very Important Person** (826987) **3.50 Terrytoons** (7534616) **4.00 Jimmy's** (819) **4.30 Bush Tucker Man** (703) **5.00 Pump Noc Noc** (3971) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (155) **6.00 Newyddion** (510161) **6.15 Heno** (965068) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (449529) **7.25 Jiwl Jiwl** (527242) **8.00 Del a Tom: Twll o Le** (9155) **8.30 Newyddion** (4890) **9.00 Opera! 50** (4631) **10.00 Brookside** (23155) **10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else?** (240819) **11.10 Eurotrash** (802258) **11.40 Flava** (713155) **12.15am T.F.I. Friday** (5511391) **1.20 Film: The Great Smokey Roadblock** (765049)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.25am Fifteen to One** (r) (Teletext) (s) (3258155)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (35529)
**9.00 The Golden Girls** (r). (Teletext) (s) (11190)
**9.30 FILM: Four Men and a Prayer** (1938, b/w). A mystery drama starring Richard Greene, George Sanders, David Niven and William Henry. Directed by John Ford (62529)
**11.00 Tears of the Dragon.** The last in the series on Mao's environmental legacy (r). (Teletext) (54600)
**12.00 Fruity Stories** (r). (Teletext) (s) (22426)
**12.30pm Sesame Street**. The guests are Tim Robbins and Marilyn Horne (r) (41242) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak** (r) (68184635)
**1.55 Land Above the Trees** The flora and fauna of the Canadian Arctic (44384155)
**2.20 FILM: The Weak and the Wicked** (1953, b/w) starring Glynis Johns and Diana Dors. Women's prison drama directed by J. Lee Thompson (549971)
**4.00 Jimmy's** (r). (Teletext) (s) (819)
**4.30 Fifteen to One**. (Teletext) (s) (703)
**5.00 Rescue** (r). (Teletext) (3971)
**5.30 An Inspector Calls** (r) (Teletext) (155)
**6.00 T.F.I. Friday (aka Thank Four It's Friday).** Chris Evans starts the weekend with guests including Desmond Lynam, Roger Moore and Andy Cole (s) (31616)
**7.00 Channel 4 News** and weather. (Teletext) (447987)
**7.55 Book Choice**. Humphrey Carpenter reviews Ray Monk's biography of Bertrand Russell. (Teletext) (s) (797838)

The cook Patricia Hegarty (8.00pm)

**8.00 Fruity Stories**. Patricia Hegarty raids *the* hedgerows for fruit to make a damson custard tart. (Teletext) (s) (9155)
**8.30 Brookside.** (Teletext) (s) (4890)
**9.00 Cybill.** American comedy starring Cybill Shepherd. (Teletext) (s) (4529)
**9.30 Father Ted.** Comedy series about three priests on an island off the west coast of Ireland. (Teletext) (s) (36161)
**10.00 Roseanne: Construction Junction.** Dan turns to Roseanne for advice when he is torn between job security and megabucks. (Teletext) (s) (23155)
**10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else?** More comic satire from the master impressionist (s) (240819)
**11.10 Eurotrash.** Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes introduce items, some in dubious taste, from everywhere in Europe (s) (802258)
**11.40 Flava.** A celebration of black music styles (s) (713155)
**12.15am T.F.I. Friday** (r) (s) (5511391)
**1.20 FILM: The Great Smokey Roadblock** (1978) starring Henry Fonda. A gently amusing road movie. Directed by John Leone (765049). Ends 2.55

## SATELLITE AND CABLE

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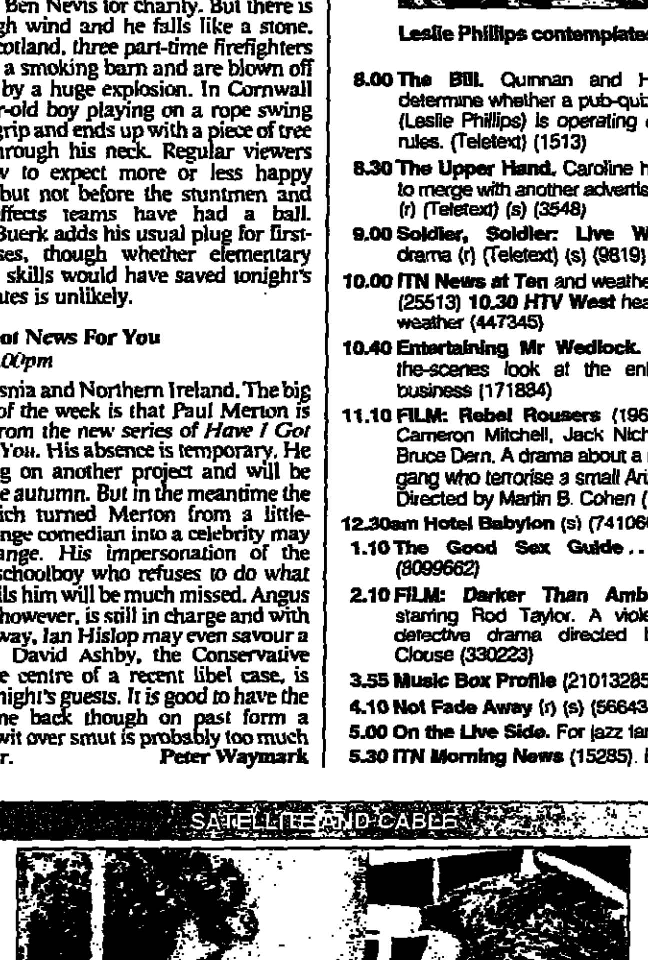

Dan E. Butler, William Petersen in *Manhunter* (UK Gold, 11.20pm)

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HERN'S CLASSIC HOPES ARE BLOWN OFF COURSE AT NEWMARKET

## Graveney and Gooch win ballot

# Counties reject Botham for selector's role

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

RAYMOND Illingworth flew home from his holiday retreat yesterday with his authority as chairman of England's cricket selectors diminished, but with his dignity intact. The election to his panel of David Graveney and Graham Gooch was not of his choosing, but neither was it a resignation issue, as the inclusion of Ian Botham might have been.

Botham was predictably and properly an also-ran when the 40 votes were counted. Graveney attracted comfortably the most support and Gooch, the England captain until 1993, was preferred to Brian Bolus, who was very much Illingworth's man, for the second position. The newly-elected pair will meet Illingworth and David Lloyd, the recently-appointed coach, at Chelmsford over the weekend.

Officers of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) were at their desks at Lord's before 7am, collating the last votes received by fax, alerting the parties involved and grateful to draw an appropriate line under a process that, this year, has received an exaggerated profile through the nomination of Botham.

Those who proposed him either did not know their man and his distinct talents, or they wished to embarrass Illingworth, who has been regularly and roundly condemned by Botham from his media platforms. It was an ill-judged campaign, supported by Botham's newspaper employers and by a public unaware of the nature of the job concerned. By Wednesday, even some of Botham's closest playing colleagues, such as Allan Lamb and David Gower, were voicing doubts about his suitability, and the man himself admitted his chances were slim.

Even after the election result, Botham's name dominated in defeat. "Botham snubbed" was one headline. "Botham reprieved" would have been more to the point. The post would not have suited him at all and he probably knows that now. He has never been a man for detail, nor one greatly concerned with the varying temperaments and abilities of those around him. He might have embarrassed himself as a selector, quite apart from causing disruption within an England hierarchy that now requires stability.

It will receive that from the spread of personalities now serving as selectors. Graveney and Gooch are addicted to English cricket, wise and informed about its trends and its players. Moreover, they acknowledge the limitations of their role. As Graveney said yesterday: "The selectors are just the foot-soldiers who go out and watch players. They can't influence how the team plays. The main men are the chairman, captain and coach, and that is how it should be."

Graveney's relationship with Illingworth has inevitably been strained by recent events surrounding the chairmanship. Graveney stood in opposition, and would probably have won the subsequent ballot had he not been persuaded to withdraw by the officers of the Cricketers' Association, of which he is the salaried general secretary.

At first, Illingworth bridled, questioning if he could again work with Graveney. Wiser counsel has now prevailed and both men believe that there should not be a problem. "I wouldn't have allowed my name to go forward if I didn't think I could work with Illy," Graveney said. Illingworth concurred before leaving his Spanish villa and heading for a busy weekend, which involves meetings in London today and the England A v The Rest match, a putative Test trial, that begins tomorrow.

Gooch is a modern groundbreaker in being chosen as a selector while still playing. It is not unprecedented — Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB, served as a selector while captaining Warwickshire in the early 1970s — and there are definite benefits in having the views of one who sees potential Test players at close quarters. "I have long believed it is a good idea in principle," Gooch said, "and I am delighted the counties think that way too."

Michael Atherton, soon to be reappointed as England captain, is also delighted, for he now has a coach and two selectors he would have handpicked. The elected pair give a thorough geographical spread to the panel, but what their effect will be on selectorial issues remains to be seen. The certainty is that Illingworth has lost power.

Last year, when there were only four selectors — of whom one, Fred Titmus, was a staunch Illingworth ally — the chairman could force through any decision with his casting vote. His increased authority as team manager also enabled him to be autocratic, such as in the extraordinary, though ultimately successful, reorganising of the team on the eve of the Lord's Test against West Indies.

That will not apply now. Indeed, as Lloyd, Graveney and Gooch are instinctively supporters of Atherton, there is scope for Illingworth to feel uncomfortably isolated. He is, however, nothing if not stubborn, and has now reiterated his determination to see out his final term as chairman. It promises to be an interesting one.

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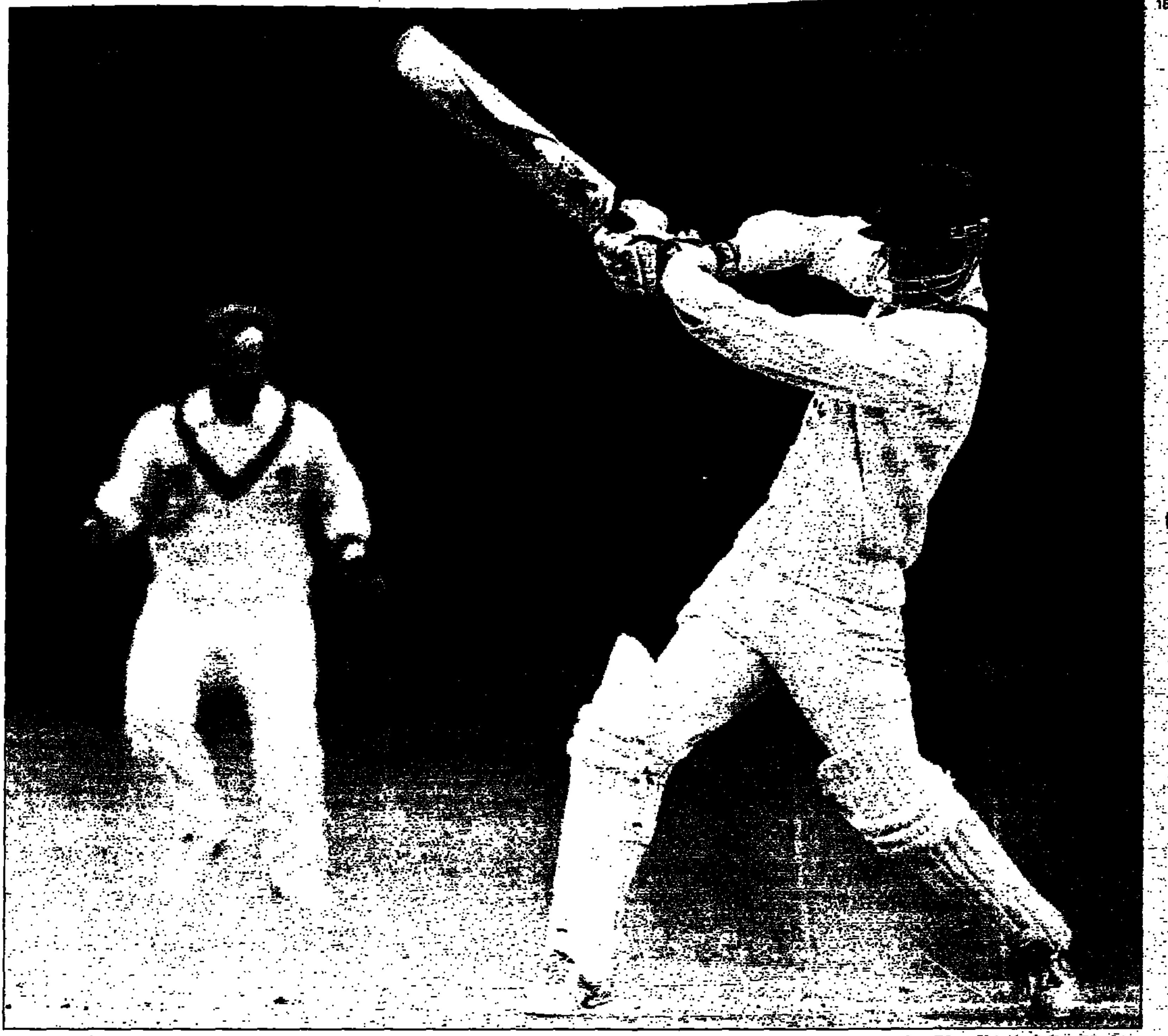
## Symonds opts for England

ANDREW SYMONDS, the dual-qualified batsman who rejected an England A tour last winter, arrived back from Australia yesterday to sign a three-year contract with Gloucestershire that pledges his future to England (Alan Lee writes).

The issue of Symonds's ambivalence over his nationality threatened a players' strike until the Test and County Cricket Board acted to tighten the declaration of availability for England that must now be signed by all qualified players.

Symonds, 20, was named as Young Cricketer of the Year in 1995 after averaging 56 in his first season of county cricket. His decision to return may have been influenced by his failure to establish a place in the Queensland side.



Iain Sutcliffe, the Oxford University opener, drives elegantly during his innings of 65 against Durham at The Parks yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

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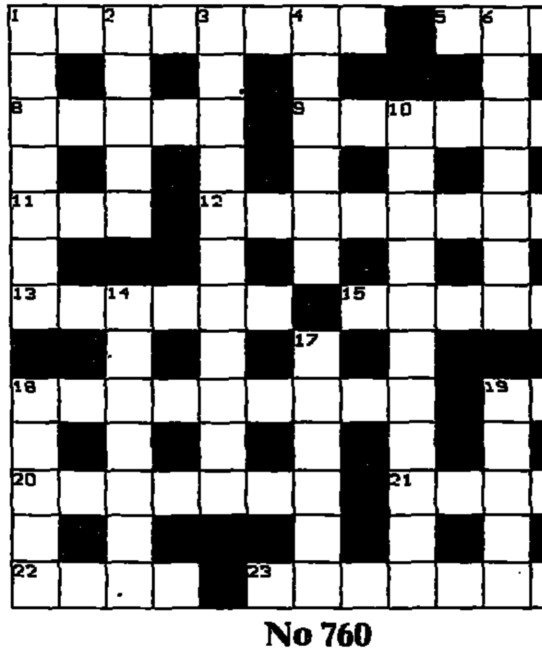

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18 Building designer (9)
19 Put on; it *quiet flows* (3)
20 Ground-breaker (7)
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# Six birdies for Faldo show that master's touch remains intact

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
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SOUTH CAROLINA

WHOEVER it was who first said "the more I practise, the luckier I get" has a supporter in Nick Faldo. It was the years spent grooving his new swing, after he had changed it in the mid-Eighties, that served Faldo so well when the pressure was at its greatest in the fourth round of the Masters.

The knowledge that his swing was technically sound enabled him to hit almost every shot as he wanted to last Sunday, and so win his third green jacket.

His self-confidence in his ability to reproduce the sort of shots on the course that he was able to hit on the practice range, which Norman was so singularly unable to do, was evident again in Faldo's opening round of 70, one under par, in the MCI Classic at the Harbour Town Links here.

This left Faldo four strokes behind the early leaders, who included Jim Furyk, whose swing was once described as being akin to that of a man trying to kill a snake in a telephone booth. Guy Boros and Ken Green were the other players on 66.

Faldo has practised less than usual this week because of the demands on him after the drama at Augusta. But, apart from a couple of drives pushed out to the right, a skied one that only travelled 200 yards from the 1st tee, and a mid-iron that was slipshod by his own high standards, clipped a tree and came down 75 yards short of the 12th green, he played perfectly acceptably.

In his late thirties, Faldo is showing how to marry his experience with advances in technology. He no longer goes running, for example, because of the damage that does to his joints. Instead, he uses a machine known as a power walker, on which he has become the best in the gym he uses at Lake Nona. He can power walk a mile in seven minutes.

Likewise, he has learnt how to practise. He no longer hits hundreds of balls because his back gets stiff. Rather, he goes to the practice ground with a specific aim of, say, manufacturing a series of shots, one he calls the chicken wing, another the bunt. Once he is happy, he moves on to the putting green.

At Augusta, he was satisfied with his long game by Tuesday evening and concentrated for the rest of the week on getting comfortable with a new putting technique that David Leadbetter, his coach, had thought up for him.

"I stand as high as I can," Faldo said. "At first I felt really awkward, as if I was putting with a driver. But, on video, it looked fine and so I persevered. It worked, because I had only one three-putt all week.

"It enabled me to attack the hole confidently. I had had a tendency before to lift the heel of my putter up and hit with a closed face.

"I was missing too many of those eight to ten-footers that you want to hole, and so I was becoming tentative. Standing taller has solved that." He holed four putts of ten feet or more on the tiny greens yesterday.

Faldo's driving with his new metal-headed, T-zoid driver, which has given him as much as 15 yards extra length from the tee because the ball leaves the clubface with more spring and less spin, was evident again in the first round of this tournament, one he won 1984.

So was his artistry in shaping shots this way and that as required by the narrow fairways which are lined with pine, cypress and oak trees. On the short 14th, he started his tee shot out to the left of the flag and brought it in so that it stopped near the stick. On the 16th, he drew his second shot in from the right, close enough to sink the putt for his sixth and last birdie of the day.

He tried to fade his tee shot over a long, thin bunker and on to the 17th green, too, but the finesse he had demonstrated previously temporarily deserted him and his ball ended in sand.

"That was the wrong shaped shot," he confessed.

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# Grizzlies find record hard to bear

**Oliver Holt** looks at the basketball team who have become cult figures as a result of their talent for losing

The Chicago Bulls hit 70 on Tuesday and set a National Basketball Association (NBA) record. The Vancouver Grizzlies are homing in on 69 and a new mark of their own. But, while Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman, Scottie Pippen and the rest of the Bulls measure out their season in victories, the Grizzlies, the baddest team in the West, use defeat for currency as they keep busy plumbing new depths.

As the country celebrated the Bulls' victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night which took them beyond the Los Angeles Lakers' total of 69 wins in the 1971-72 regular season, and the experts embarked on detailed analyses over whether this really was the best team in history, Vancouver prepared to try to stave off their second dose of ignominy within the past month.

In November and December, the Grizzlies, who are in their first year in the league, came within one game of equalling the worst losing streak in NBA history when they lost 19 straight games. Undaunted, they had another tilt at the record and, two weeks ago, they cracked it. When they lost 105-91 to the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City, they made it 21 defeats in a row and eclipsed the 24-year-old record.

Now another new mark is looming. The Grizzlies must win two out of their final three games to avoid becoming the worst first-year, or expansion, side since the formation of the NBA. So far, they have won 13 games and lost 66. They are 49 wins back on the leaders of the Western Conference, the Seattle SuperSonics. The odds are not good.

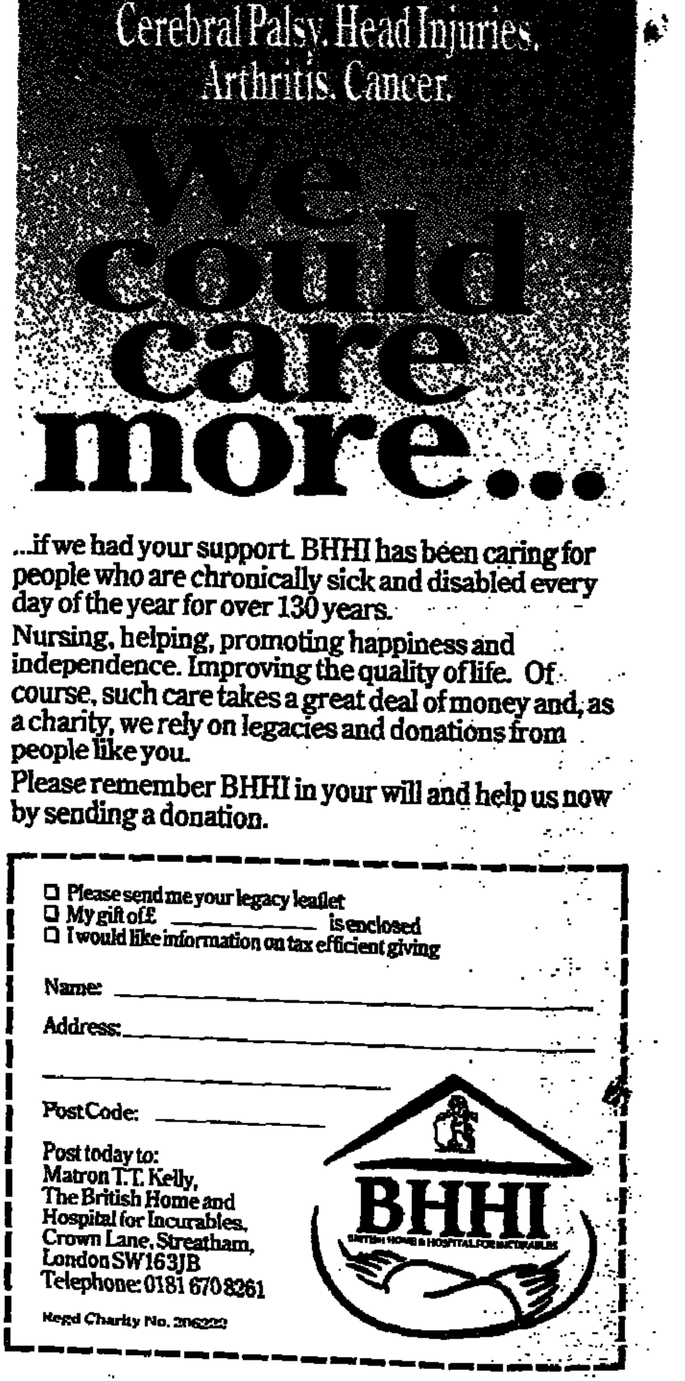
But, as Bulls supporters hung off freeway bridges and helicopters followed the team bus all the way from Chicago to the Milwaukee stadium, the Grizzlies have found that their heroic failures have made them cult figures, too. Commentators have taken to calling them the Bad News Bears and other players have commended them for their spirit. "They're going through some tough times," one of the Jazz players said after the landmark defeat, "but they're trying to stop the bleeding."

Most of the attention has been lavished on their giant center, Bryant Reeves, who is known as Big Country. Before a January game against the Los Angeles Clippers, Vancouver hosted a Hair Country promotion offering any supporter willing to have his or her hair cut in the same style as Big Country's flat-top, two free tickets to the game. Only 28 stylists were hired for the event but more than 2,000 would-be victims turned up.

"I know you've got to try to be positive and look ahead, but this is very hard to deal with," Big Country said of his team's record losing sequence. If there is any consolation, their average margin of defeat has dropped from 14.1 points to 10.9 points.

Some link the travails of the Grizzlies to the glory of the Bulls, arguing that the expansion of the NBA with teams in Vancouver and Toronto has diluted the overall standard. It is not that the Bulls are better, they say, just that the rest are worse.

It does not seem to bother Jordan and company too much. Their eyes are fixed firmly on the play-offs and another championship to cement their claim to be the team of the Nineties. "It was an ugly game," Jordan said, after the win in Milwaukee, "but sometimes ugly is beautiful." The Grizzlies could do with that kind of ugly, too.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# Israel sees Iran as next in line for punishment

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Government's senior spokesman said yesterday it was now a "working assumption" that a Western-led coalition, similar to the one which drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in 1991, would launch a pre-emptive strike against Iran to prevent it obtaining a nuclear capability.

In an interview with *The Times*, Uri Dromi, head of the Government Press Office, also said that any spectacular attacks on Jewish targets at home or abroad, as threatened by militant Islamic groups, would prompt reaction from Israel which would be "very, very drastic" and make Operation Grapes of Wrath, now battering Lebanon, pale by comparison.

Although Mr Dromi refused to give details of retaliation planned in such an event, there has been speculation it could involve an air attack on Iran's top-secret nuclear plant at Neka, 100 miles northeast of Tehran, or a bombing blitz to flatten the southern suburbs of Beirut, the stronghold of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah commanders.

Speaking in his office, near where an Islamic suicide bomb recently killed or maimed almost all the Jewish passengers on a bus, Mr Dromi expressed Israeli frustration that only America and Britain had expressed support for the motives behind Israel's action in Lebanon.

His outspoken remarks came after reports that Israel and America had discussed the possibility of striking at Iran's growing nuclear capability during the recent anti-terrorism summit in Sharm el Sheikh. Yesterday American intelligence reports quoted in the Israeli press said that Chinese experts were expected in Tehran this week to begin construction of a new uranium enrichment plant. It is considered by experts to be the last stage in Iran's attempt to become the first revolutionary Islamic government to acquire nuclear weapons.

"If Iraq was an international hate figure in the 1991 Gulf War, you can imagine what

### NUCLEAR FEAR

Iran will be when it can intimidate the world," Mr Dromi said. "So looking ahead, Israel is sounding the alarm, just as it did in 1981 when we bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor and were initially condemned for it."

He added: "It is accepted that an international coalition will eventually have to trim Iran's nuclear ambitions and its capability to disrupt peace and stability in the region. What is happening now against Hezbollah is merely a sideshow to the main action which will have to come. The Iranian strategy goes far further than a threat just against Israel or Katyusha attacks from Lebanon."

Dromi: praised Major for criticism of Iran

It is an open secret that the Israel Defence Force has already undertaken training to maximise the effects of a long-range bombing raid against Iran. In the words of one Israeli military source, in the event of an attack against Jews causing a large loss of life "Iran would probably be the only address to answer to".

Mr Dromi said that in the event of suicide attacks, such as those threatened by the 70 Hezbollah fighters who recently appeared on television in Lebanon with explosives apparently tied to their waists, Israel would abandon all attempts to secure a ceasefire in Lebanon.

"If they pull a big one on us, we would be forced to deal with the Hezbollah in a different way," said Mr Dromi, who was appointed by Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister.

The spokesman, who has had to field much international criticism since Operation Grapes of Wrath was launched eight days ago, added: "Hezbollah is the spearhead of Iran's terror network and its attempt to undermine the Middle East peace process. The world has to understand that either Hezbollah is taken out and there is a peace process, or there is war, all-out chaos here."

He said that John Major was alone among 29 world leaders who addressed the Sharm el Sheikh conference, apart from Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, who had singled out Iran by name as one of the countries behind the terrorism threatening to destabilise the region. "Mr Major was the only one to call a spade a spade," Mr Dromi said. "He is very much to be commended for it."

There has been diplomatic speculation that the potential for future united action against Iran's nuclear plant, which is buried in a hillside, was discussed during this week's visit by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary.

Mr Dromi, a reserve colonel in the Israeli Air Force, underscored how world opinion had turned full circle and eventually applauded the 1981 raid on Iraq's Osirak reactor, once the full extent of President Saddam Hussein's belligerent intentions had been exposed.

"We were accused of inventing and exaggerating that [nuclear] threat at the time, and there were even annual calls at the United Nations for reparations which were eventually dropped in 1991," Mr Dromi said.

"I am afraid that, when you are in the front line, you have to take what appears harsh action before a threat can be realised."

An old man weeps for eight of his family who died during an Israeli air raid on Nabatiyet south Lebanon

# Peres and PLO chief agree on security

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation yesterday resumed peace talks for the first time since the Jewish state was struck by the recent wave of suicide bombings by Islamic extremists.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, praised Yassir Arafat, the group's chairman, for helping to make the meeting possible, saying that the Palestinian leader had cracked down on terrorists in areas under his control. "This meeting was devoted to security and we see eye to eye on it," he said.

### ARAFAT

The Israeli-PLO peace process had been suspended following the bombings in February and March by members of Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) and Islamic Jihad which left at least 61 people dead.

Under American and Israeli pressure, the Palestinian authority arrested 700 suspected Muslim militants, but failed to capture Israel's most wanted man, Mohammed Dief, commander of the Hamas military wing.

With the talks now revived, the Israeli Prime Minister said negotiations on the final status of the Palestinian territories would begin on May 4.

# Pressure on gambler Assad to play his hand

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

YESTERDAY was one of the bloodiest days in the Middle East for years. Amid the carnage there is only one man in the region who stands to gain from the slaughter of political hopes: President Assad of Syria.

One of the area's canniest and longest-serving rulers, he has long been seen in Israel as the Jewish state's most single-minded and uncompromising opponent. For five years, since the Madrid peace summit, Syria has been negotiating directly with Israel. For more than two years, agreement has seemed within reach, yet, like a mirage, on coming closer it has seemed each time further away.

Israel is losing patience. Its onslaught in Lebanon, now a de facto Syrian protectorate, is intended to force Damascus to make a decision: peace or war. No American President or Secretary of State who has spent hours in negotiations with Mr Assad doubts he wants a settlement — but on his terms. As long as all Israel's neighbours held out for a comprehensive peace, Syria, could dictate terms. But with the signing by the Palestinians and Jordan of separate treaties, its leverage was lessened.

### SYRIA

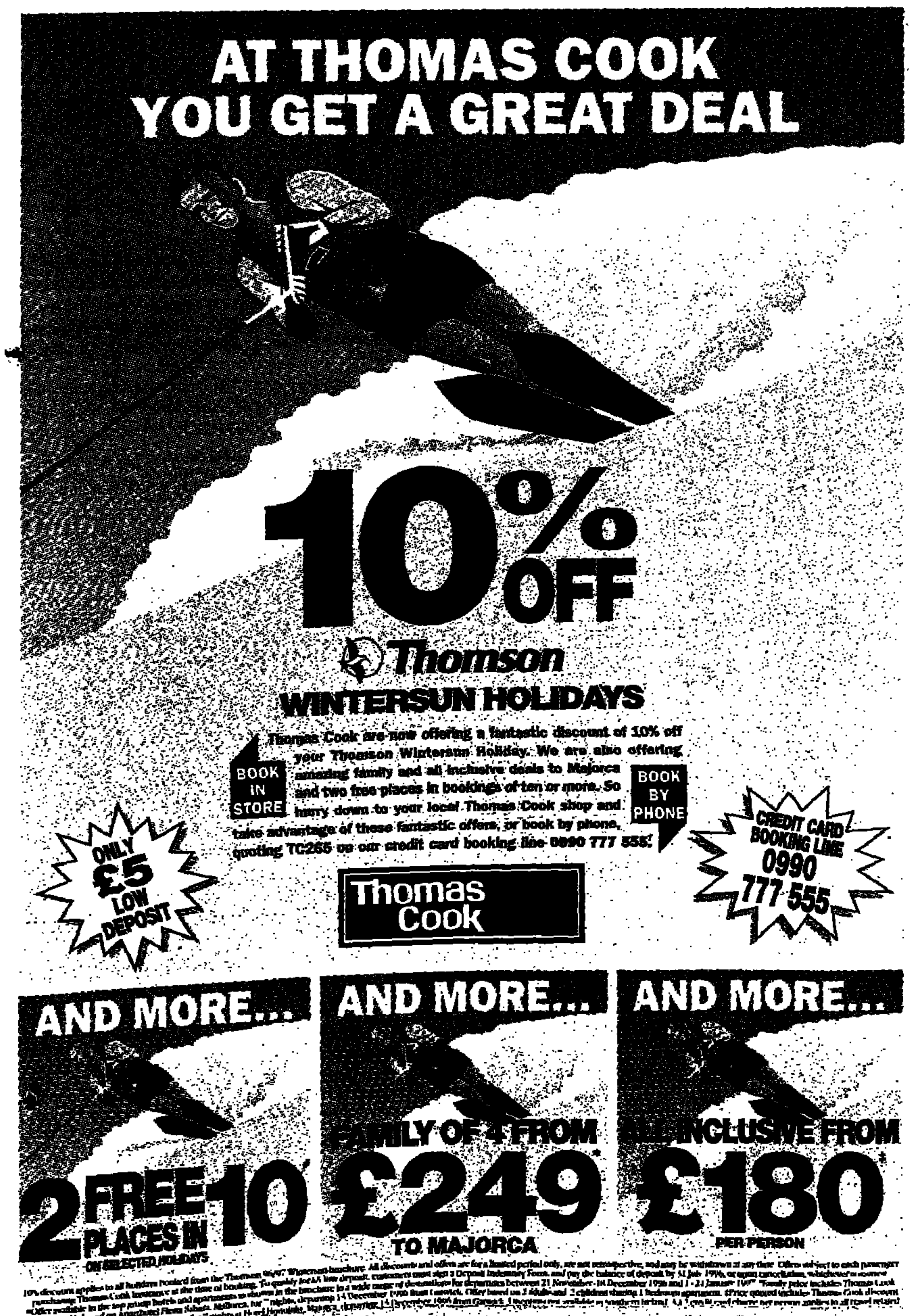
Mr Assad, angry but patient, refused to be rushed. The more America and outside powers pushed him to join the peace bandwagon, the more he dragged his feet. Syria has become a focus of Arab disillusion; his resistance made him again the man to be courted and won over; and his caution, he must now feel, has been vindicated.

Having lost the Soviet Union's backing, Mr Assad can no longer negotiate from a position of military parity with Israel. He was one of the first to see that America now holds all the main cards. But he still has enough of a hand to ensure there can be no settlement without him. Among his cards are: his tolerance of Palestinian opponents of the Oslo agreements; his friendly links with Iran, an open opponent of any political accommodation; his political and military control over Lebanon; and his readiness, at every crucial moment in peace talks, to use the psychological tactic of delay to force more concessions.

Mr Assad believes he can wait. There are disadvantages: Syria needs the greatly increased market access a settlement would bring. He risks the return of a Likud government in Israel, likely to renege on proposals to return all the Golan Heights. Syria might also be sidelined in the gradual acceptance of Israel by Arab countries in North Africa and the Gulf.

Against that, however, are the dangers of committing himself. The most important is the threat to his own regime. A peace treaty would bring huge popular expectations of higher living standards and pressure for a big cut in the swollen military budget.

Mr Assad is ultimately dependent on the military. He is in poor health and, after the death of his son, Basil, there is no clear line of succession. A peace treaty, an extraordinary volte-face, would be a shock to the regime that could prove dangerous.



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# Russia will offer pact to stop nuclear smugglers

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

THE Kremlin will propose unprecedented co-operation between the world's most powerful intelligence agencies in an attempt to halt the threat of nuclear materials falling into the hands of terrorists or rogue states.

On the eve of the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries in Moscow, intended to reduce the threat of nuclear disaster a decade after the accident at Chernobyl, the Russians have made it clear that they are prepared to co-operate as never before to stamp out nuclear smuggling. "In the sphere of nuclear safety Russia suggests a transition from confrontation and rivalry to co-operation," Viktor Mikhailov, the Minister of Atomic Energy, said.

Western diplomats in Moscow said that an agreement would probably be signed tomorrow between the world leaders to tighten security around nuclear sites, to improve the accounting system for fissile material and establish an intelligence-sharing operation to shadow potential nuclear smugglers.

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union five years ago, there have been a number of reported thefts of nuclear material inside Russia, including six cases when either enriched uranium or plutonium, the basic components of an atomic weapon, were stolen.

"This agreement will help to tighten the security around these installations," said an American official, who added that in spite of lingering Cold War suspicions, the Russians had admitted foreign experts into their most secret nuclear sites. The summit is also expected to tackle the problems of ageing and dangerous civilian atomic reactors still in operation across the former Soviet Union, including two reactors at Chernobyl.

The West, which is spending hundreds of millions of pounds to improve safety standards, will press for a commitment from President Kuchma of Ukraine to close the Chernobyl plant by the year 2000.

In spite of the lavish preparations under way in Moscow to greet the G7 leaders during the 48-hour summit, critics charge that the meeting will be little more than a talking shop.

In particular there has been criticism that no new funding will be on offer to help countries of the former Soviet Union to tackle the existing environmental problems and halt the threat of a new catastrophe.

"Instead of a state dinner, the G7 countries should perhaps hold a prayer breakfast," said Tom Cochran, an American environmentalist. "The only thing standing between us and another Chernobyl is the grace of God."

Also, it is widely accepted, even by the participants, that a good part of the gathering in Moscow is intended to help to boost President Yeltsin's re-election campaign for June's vote. The Russian leader will take the opportunity of projecting himself as a statesman, while Western leaders are likely to endorse his candidacy against the strong challenge by Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader.

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## Pressure to endorse Yeltsin

**Moscow: John Major arrived here last night facing intense pressure at the summit of the Group of Seven industrialised countries to fall in line with other leaders and endorse President Yeltsin's re-election bid.**

**Although the summit is supposed to tackle the pressing questions of nuclear safety and security, there is little dispute among Western and Russian officials that the session has also been designed to benefit Mr Yeltsin's election campaign. With less than two months to go, he is trailing in the polls behind Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, in what is expected to be a tight race.**

**The summit, held at Moscow's initiative, could provide a useful platform for President Yeltsin to project himself as a statesman.**

**Already America, France and Germany have come out in support of Mr Yeltsin, warning that a Communist victory could be disastrous for Russia and its links to the West. By contrast there has been virtual silence from the British side.**

# Anti-drugs deal with Ukraine

From Jill Sherman
in Kiev

JOHN MAJOR last night signed an international agreement with Ukraine to introduce a tough programme against illicit drug trafficking.

Mr Major announced the historic deal with Yevhen Marchuk, the Prime Minister, during a one-day visit to Kiev aimed to show Britain's backing for Ukrainian independence.

Ukraine lies on the major drug-trafficking route from Afghanistan, Central Asia and India, through to Turkey and then the West.

The reciprocal deal will enable the Ukrainian and British Governments to freeze and confiscate illegal assets from drug and other serious crimes, such as fraud, theft and money laundering.

Britain has already made similar deals with 37 other countries, of which 26 are already in force.

After talks with Leonid Kuchma, the Ukrainian President, Mr Major also announced a £20 million allocation from Britain's "Know How Fund" to help Eastern economies. The money will be used to help Ukraine to set up energy-sector projects.

John Major receives a traditional bread-and-salt welcome at Kiev airport as Yevhen Marchuk, second right, Ukraine's Prime Minister, looks on

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# Left turns guns on Berlusconi as campaign closes

From Richard Owen
in Rome

ITALIAN
ELECTIONS

AS ITALY'S political parties wound up their election campaigns yesterday with festive open-air rallies before Sunday's poll, the Left turned its fire on Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon, in a bid to stop him from becoming Prime Minister for a second time.

But Signor Berlusconi, leader of Forza Italia and Prime Minister for eight months in 1994, hit back at his critics and said he intended to form Italy's next Government.

Massimo D'Alema, leader of the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS) — the former Communists — said that Signor Berlusconi's dynamic business ethic made him a bad statesman because he lacked a "liberal democratic background". Forza Italia officials replied that the democratic credentials of the PDS were open to question, and gave a warning that if the Centre Left, led by Professor Romano Prodi, won the election, Signor D'Alema and other "Marxists" would pull the strings.

In the last election two years ago, Signor Berlusconi stormed to victory with the promise of entrepreneurial vigour. He was the main beneficiary of the 1992-93 "gentle revolution" which swept the discredited Christian Democrat old guard from power in the wake of the anti-corruption campaign by "Clean Hands" magistrates in Milan.

But Signor Berlusconi was accused of corruption in his huge Fininvest business empire, and his Government fell at the end of 1994 when the separatist Northern League withdrew. His trial in Milan, which began four months ago, resumed on Wednesday. The charges have also multiplied.

There were signs yesterday that the row over Signor Berlusconi's suitability for high office was causing strains within the Centre Right. President Scalfaro stepped into the closing stages of the campaign by expressing support for the magistrates. A furious Signor Berlusconi said he was being victimised. But Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" leader who dominates the Centre Right, said the magistrates' activities were legitimate.

All signs point to a close race, with Italians disappointed that the 1992-93 reforms have not put an end to "revolving-door" governments. Voters are apathetic. "After the hopes of three years ago, we have reverted to bad old ways," one journalist said.

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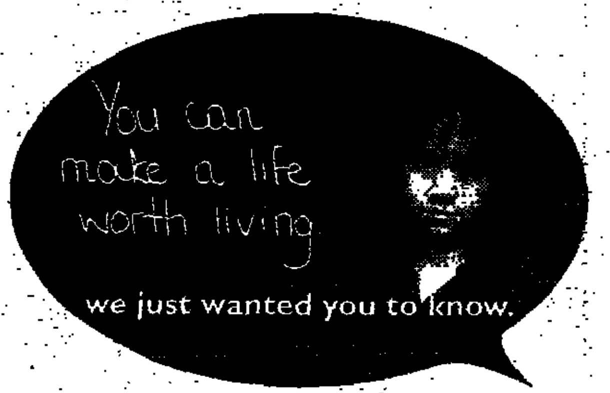
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# Imran Khan plans to hire bodyguard for wife after blast

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

IMRAN KHAN is planning to hire an armed bodyguard for his wife, Jemima, caught up in the turmoil of Pakistani politics. She has hardly left her home in Lahore since returning there on Monday, after a possible assassination attempt on her husband.

The bomb that wrecked part of the charity cancer hospital Mr Khan started in December 1994 may have gone off prematurely, he said yesterday. In other words, the bomber could have been waiting for him. Mr Khan said he was reassessing his own security and might also use a bodyguard, "although how much good they do I don't know".

His British wife was being given more security immediately. "It is tough for her, but I think she will be OK. She is not a target here. She will be safe. There is no reason why she should be made a target," Mr Khan said. "The message of the bomb was that I should stay out of politics. I always knew there was a risk for me." Asked if his wife would spend more time out of the country, he said: "Not at all."

Mrs Khan was in London when the explosion ripped apart a section of the hospital on Sunday. The possibility that it was a failed assassination attempt has left the couple wondering how to protect themselves in a country where bombs and guns are easily obtained and contract killers readily available. The family home has scant security — yesterday the front gate was unguarded and unlocked, and anybody could walk up to the front door.

Asked if he had any theories about who planted the bomb, Mr Khan replied: "The only problems I have had are with the Government." He added: "Who would investigate a government agency?" He plans to launch a political movement next Thursday at a press conference in Lahore, when he will announce its name and objectives. It will evolve into a political party in time for the general election, due in 1998.

It appears Mr Khan has given up an earlier flirtation with Islamic fundamentalism, and the new organisation will be presented as religiously and politically moderate with its focus on social issues. "Our rulers have lavish lifestyles, with private jets, duty-free Mercedes and palaces," he said, "but the rest have hardly any education. We are the fourth most illiterate nation in the world. There is no investment in human resources." Corruption had affected every institution. Half the education budget was misappropriated. "Politicians are not there to serve the people but to get as much as they can out of the system. They have destroyed everything. We have been ranked the world's third most corrupt country," Mr Khan said.

There was a concerted campaign to get rid of his hospital because the popularity it had brought him was perceived as a political threat.

He denied that he was using the hospital as a political tool, although he acknowledged it had boosted his popularity. "The way for the Government to counter that is to build another hospital or build two hospitals, not to stop this hospital functioning," Mr Khan said. "Government ministers and officials accuse us of siphoning off money. I have no doubt the bomb was for my benefit. Somebody is very scared of me."

Imran Khan with his wife, Jemima, who has become caught up in Pakistan's turmoil

# West angered by South African support for Libya

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A CALL by Alfred Nzo, the South African Foreign Minister, for the lifting of United Nations sanctions imposed on Libya in connection with the 1988 Lockerbie bombing has again raised concerns over the country's foreign policy initiatives and sets President Mandela's Government on a collision course with the West.

Diplomatic officials from Britain, France and the United States in South Africa were yesterday having urgent discussions on the best way to voice their displeasure over what is seen as "another foreign policy glitch".

Mr Nzo made his comments on Wednesday night at the end of a controversial three-day visit to the North African state. He told his Libyan counterpart, Omar al-Muntasser, that he fully supported Libya's "invitation" to end its current crisis with Western countries over the bombing of the Pan Am jumbo over Lockerbie, in Scotland, in which 270 people died. He also said South Africa supported the lifting of "unjust sanctions" imposed in 1992 on Libya by the UN Security Council after its refusal to hand over to Britain or the US for trial two suspects in that bombing.

Mr Nzo also stepped into the dispute over alleged chemical weapons production in Libya, airing assurances from his counterpart that no such plant was under construction. This month, the US accused Libya of producing chemical weapons at a secret plant and did not rule out military action against the plant.

The South African administration, led by the African National Congress, has repeatedly rebuffed attempts by the US and other Western governments to influence its relationship with countries linked to terrorism and dubious human rights records. Earlier this month, Mr Nzo visited Iran and announced the two countries were near concluding an oil storage agreement.

President Mandela has made plain he will stand by countries that supported the ANC in its apartheid struggle.

# Migrants crackdown sparks row

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

A PARLIAMENTARY report outlining tough immigration measures has sparked a political firestorm in France with human rights organisations, opposition MPs and even government ministers criticising the proposals.

The 46 new measures, presented by the Commission of Inquiry on Clandestine Immigration earlier this week, include fingerprinting visa applicants from some countries, schooling restrictions for "irregular" immigrants, and depriving illegal aliens of all but emergency medical care.

Junior Minister Xavier Emmanuelli yesterday condemned the ideas, warning of a possible upsurge in racism. "The proposals aiming to limit foreigners' access to health care are unacceptable and scandalous. Sick people have to be treated, whoever they are," the Secretary of State for Emergency Humanitarian Action said.

# 'Gangster' targets a good cause

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FRANCIS "The Belgian" Vanverberghe has confirmed his self-made image as a kindly gangster by donating more than £10,000 to a charity for drug addicts, two weeks after being acquitted of heroin smuggling.

The money was awarded to Mr Vanverberghe by the European Court of Human Rights after it ruled he had been unfairly imprisoned without trial by the French state for more than four years. Known to police as "the last Godfather of Marseilles", he was given a 12-year sentence in 1978 for his role in the "French Connection" smuggling ring. Doubts about evidence during Mr Vanverberghe's latest trial resulted in an acquittal.

Abbé Pierre, the prominent Roman Catholic priest and charity campaigner who is to receive the money, described Mr Vanverberghe as "a gangster with a big heart who shows signs of repentance".

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# Americans still in state of shock from day of terror

FROM TOM RHODES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

AN UNTOUCHED box of toys sits in one corner of Aren Almon's garage in Oklahoma City. They provide perhaps the most poignant reminder that her daughter, Baylee, would have celebrated her second birthday last night.

The previous year she had watched with adoration as her little girl plunged one hand into the birthday cake, blew out its single candle, and unwrapped the soft toys and the Sunday dress that had been her own special gift. The next day Baylee was one of 19 children who died when a huge fertiliser bomb exploded beneath the day-care centre where she was playing.

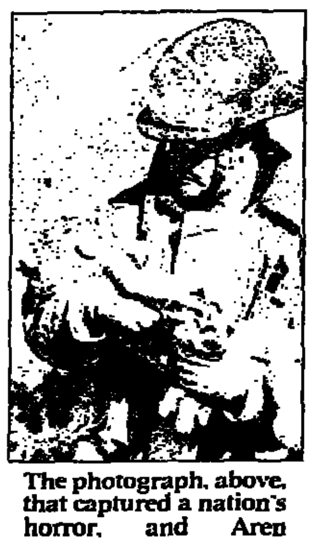
The portrait of the dead infant, cradled in the arms of a fireman outside the smouldering ruins of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, became an icon for an entire nation after America's worst act of terrorism. Yesterday, balloons in hand and toys by their side, the Almon family held a private birthday memorial for Baylee.

More than the other families in Oklahoma, including Edye Smith, whose two sons Colton and Chase also died in the blast, Aren Almon has become the focus for those still struggling to understand the horror of a bomb that took the lives of 168 people.

Those who felt the shudder of the explosion and witnessed the carnage have mostly recovered from the horror of the blast at 9.02am on April 19 last year. Today the majority of federal employees in Oklahoma will not return to work — a move more in honour of the dead rather than over any anxiety about a repeat attack.

But for many of the victims' families and indeed survivors of the Oklahoma tragedy, time has stood still. Mrs Almon, for instance, has been fighting a protracted battle to have the image of her daughter removed from T-shirts, buttonholes and even statues. "I want to remember her as she was," she said.

Throughout the city, there is an outpouring of grief, especially for the dead children. The chain fence surrounding the site of the federal building has become a mourning mecca on which teddy bears, ribbons and wreaths hang next to crucifixes and messages from schoolchildren. This has become Oklahoma's wailing wall.



The photograph, above, that captured a nation's horror, and Aren Almon, mother of dead Baylee, a year on

Six children, apparently sitting in a cubbyhole away from the windows, survived the blast and have since become known as the "Little Miracles of the Bombing". They are in various states of physical and mental health. P.J. Allen, two, was in intensive care for weeks. His lungs are so badly damaged he still sleeps inhaling from an oxygen tank and relies on a tube inserted into his trachea to help him breathe during the day.

Nekia McCloud, five, had her skull fractured and, though she can ride a bicycle and walk normally, the young girl can barely utter 25 words. Joe Webber, two, had his mouth wired shut for two months and has a large scar across the left of his face.

Rebecca Denny, three, needed 130 stitches to repair facial cuts. Her younger brother, Brandon, lost part of the left side of his brain.

The eldest child survivor, Christopher Nguyen, six, was in a coma for seven days, both eardrums were burst and his internal organs damaged. "It hasn't been easy," said Thu Nguyen, his father, who arrived in America from a refugee camp in Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

On a blustery evening this week a candlelit vigil took place in the Oklahoma dusk, less than half a mile from the centre of tragedy. It was a small affair but one which, perhaps more than any other, served to illustrate why Oklahoma's suffering will not end today when Al Gore, the Vice-President, visits the site and the names of its victims are read to a silent audience.

☐ **Washington:** The House of Representatives was set to join the Senate last night in approving a controversial Anti-Terrorism Bill rushed through Congress in time for the first anniversary of the bombing (Martin Fletcher writes).

The Bill will accelerate executions of death-row inmates by curtailing the federal appeals' process. Bob Dole, the Senate leader and Republican presidential nominee, said it would "curb the endless frivolous appeals" that allow killers to survive an average of eight years after sentencing. But civil liberties groups said it would lead to the execution of innocent people.

The Bill also provides $1 billion (£660 million) to fight terrorism and bans fundraising for terrorist groups in America. It also permits closed-circuit television coverage of the trial of the two men charged with the bombing so that families of the victims will not have to travel to Denver, Colorado, to watch it.

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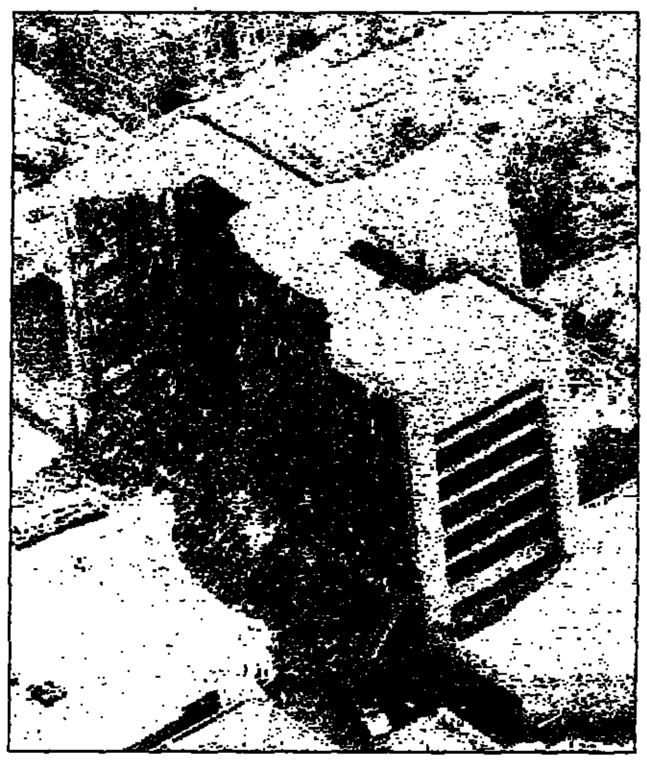
Mourners in Oklahoma City attend a candlelight memorial service this week, one year after 168 people were killed in a terrorist blast



The wrecked Alfred P. Murrah federal building

# Lawyer is sure prosecution case can be undermined

BY TOM RHODES

ENDLESS acres of farmland and a few dead armadillos mark the route which leads to Stephen Jones, a smalltown criminal lawyer with arguably the most difficult job in America.

The principal claim to fame of Enid, Oklahoma, a typical Midwestern town, sits in his office and explains why his client, Timothy McVeigh, was an innocent bystander in the worst act of terrorism on American soil.

Mr Jones is confident that the Government's case, the largest criminal investigation in American history involving 21,000 witnesses, is riddled with reasonable doubt and claims that his 27-year-old client had been framed.

"All of this has been an elaborate artifice in which ... you conjure up that he was the person involved when in reality you have known almost from the first moment that there was a serious flaw in the entire Government's theory," he said. "I think it is an eminently defensible case."

Mr McVeigh, the prosecution has claimed, was a disaffected Gulf War veteran who plotted with his old army buddy, Terry Nichols, to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah building on the second anniversary of the FBI siege at Waco, Texas, in which 80 members of the Branch Davidian cult died.

He is alleged to have parked a rented van containing 4,000lb of explosive outside the building on April 19 last year. The subsequent blast killed 168 people and maimed more than 400 others.

Hours later, Mr McVeigh was arrested by a state trooper in a car without a number plate. He had no licence and a gun was found in the boot. Within two days his alleged accomplice was also behind bars. A comprehensive search for others involved in the bombing came to nothing.

McVeigh: his defence blames neo-Nazi plot

Although he describes himself as a county-seat lawyer, Mr Jones was an assistant to Richard Nixon in New York, a congressional aide in Washington, and ran unsuccessfully for the Senate as a Republican. He is considered one of the best five criminal lawyers in Oklahoma.

Mr Jones is seeking to define the Oklahoma City bombing as a conspiracy involving white supremacists, neo-Nazis and even British ultra-nationalists.

"The idea that two army drifters could carry out the largest terrorist attack in the history of the United States just by themselves defies all experience and logic. That is not the way terrorism works. To say that because McVeigh and Nichols read the *Anarchist's Cookbook* they could make such a huge bomb successfully by themselves is like saying you could become the world's greatest lover by reading *Lady Chatterley's Lover*," he said.

# Defence turns to Lockerbie experts

**Enid, Oklahoma:** British forensic science experts involved in the Lockerbie disaster investigation have been approached by Timothy McVeigh's lawyers to help to defend the chief suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing (Tom Rhodes writes).

Stephen Jones, for Mr McVeigh, said he was engaging the services of Dr T. K. Marshall, the former chief pathologist for Northern Ireland, and the forensic laboratory of the Lothian and Borders police.

He said: "They have some people who have considerable experience in Northern Ireland and have recently been employed there, and of course they did some of the forensic work on Pan Am 103." However, Scottish police said that they had not yet agreed to take part.

Mr Jones first visited Britain in January to seek advice from counter-terrorism experts. He said that Dr Marshall and members of the Scottish police forensic team may be called to give evidence at his client's trial, due to start later this year.

The defence hopes the Britons, including 21 forensic scientists in Edinburgh, can lend weight to Mr Jones's belief that neither Mr McVeigh nor Terry Nichols, his alleged accomplice, could have been responsible for last April's bombing.

Mr Jones said British advisers deemed it unlikely the two could have acted alone.

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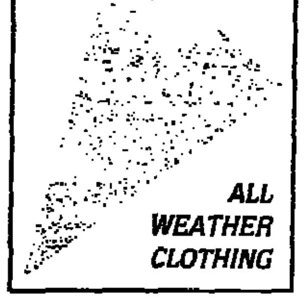

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# Chinese officers to be shot for 'conspiracy'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

A GROUP of Chinese army officers has been sentenced to death for "counter-revolutionary crimes" and stockpiling weapons. Western intelligence sources confirmed yesterday.

According to the sources and the Hong Kong newspaper *Eastern Express*, foreign electronic eavesdropping on army communications revealed that 80 officers were charged with counter-revolution, China's broadest catch-all capital offence. Thirty-nine were sentenced to death by firing squad. The details of the offence are unclear.

The "conspiracy" came to light after a dinner in December last year turned into a violent fracas involving about 40 soldiers. Words were exchanged leading to an investigation which resulted in conspiracy charges. At a court-martial in early March ten counts of counter-revolution, which embraces offences ranging from stealing cultural treasures and rape to armed uprisings, were stipulated, including "causing chaos" and "holding secret meetings".

The officers were additionally charged with collecting more than 400 weapons, 130,000 rounds of ammunition, more than 200 sticks of dynamite, 39 military vehicles and four armoured cars. The People's Liberation Army, under the direction of the party's Central Military Commission chaired by President Jiang Zemin, is constantly reminded to obey the party.

It is extremely rare for examples of army disobedience to surface. A spectacular past example was when the commander of the 38th Army refused to obey an order to crush the Tiananmen uprising in June 1989. He remains in prison. It is said that other units feel shame that the army attacked Chinese citizens for the first time since the Cultural Revolution, losing its reputation as the "big brother of the people".

Nonetheless, there is little obvious reason for serious army discontent. Although the forces are due for a cutback from three million men and women to 2.5 million, no time has been set. Mr Jiang promotes officers to the Central Committee in significant numbers. He usually appears in well-cut Western suits, but sometimes dons a severe military tunic, although he has never been a soldier, when he meets his generals.

The military has been given the task of projecting China's power beyond its borders for the first time in modern history. Its sabre-rattling in the South China Sea alarmed Asian nations from the Philippines to Malaysia.

The forces are well funded and are heavily involved in business, including property in Hong Kong. While officially the army receives £4.6 billion every year, which is only slightly more than the Australian military budget, the actual sum may be as much as eight times higher, which puts China in roughly the same class as America. Military experts estimate that Chinese defence spending has increased by 50 per cent every year since 1990.

In its attempt to intimidate Taiwan during its elections by firing missiles and staging mock invasions earlier this year, the military achieved little except to attract an enormous American task force into the western Pacific. This may have dimmed the lustre of China's generals who reportedly pressed Mr Jiang to take a tough line against the independence-seeking moves of President Lee Teng-hui. However, in two to three years the army may be able to invade Taiwan if it is willing to accept gigantic losses, risk a confrontation with America and fight a long war of attrition against Taiwanese guerrillas.

# Clinton apologises for rape of Okinawa girl by servicemen

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

Clinton: told Diet of sorrow Americans felt

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday apologised before the Japanese people for the "horrible" rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl by three American servicemen who were stationed in Okinawa.

Addressing the Diet, Mr Clinton spoke of the sorrow Americans felt at last September's incident, which provoked protests on the island and national antagonism towards the 47,000 American troops in Japan.

"The American people profoundly regret the horrible violence done to a young schoolgirl there. Our hearts go out to her, to her family and her loved ones, and to the entire Okinawan community." Mr Clinton said on his final day of a state visit which focused on the security relations between the two countries.

Yesterday's setting of the parliament building underscored Washington's concern to defuse anger that undermined the US-Japan security treaty, backbone of America's Far East strategy. The President said that his talks with Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, had built on the special relationship to enhance the security alliance, which he called "the cornerstone of stability throughout Asia".

The strategic declaration signed by the two leaders on Wednesday commits their nations to a more robust alliance serving not only the defence of Japan but also the stability of the entire Asia-Pacific region.

Appealing directly to the Japanese to back the strengthening of the alliance, Mr Clinton suggested the alternative was ominous. "Consider what might happen if the United States were to withdraw entirely from this region. It could spark a costly arms race that could destabilise northeast Asia."

When Mr Clinton left Japan last night he had achieved his main goal of shoring up America's military strategy, even though some touchy trade disputes are still unresolved. To remain a global power, the United States depends on Japanese cash and commitment.

Mr Hashimoto pledged continuing financial support for American bases and a willingness to back the United States in foreign military operations by giving logistical support, instead of restricting Japan's armed forces to defending its borders as described by the pacifist constitution.

A young Liberian Krahn rebel at the Barclay Training Centre barracks in Monrovia. More than 20,000 people, including West African peacekeepers, are in the compound, besieged by rival factions (Sam Kiley writes). Human Rights Watch says that six years of civil war have left thousands of Liberian children programmed to kill

# Jackson 'cover-up over boys'

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

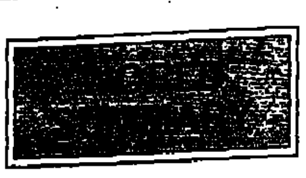
BODYGUARDS working for Michael Jackson took part in a cover-up to protect the pop singer while he entertained young boys in his bedroom, it is claimed.

Court papers in Los Angeles detail the activities of Jackson's private police force, the Office of Special Services, which allegedly intimidated other members of his entourage and told them not to talk about things seen at his Neverland Ranch.

The papers have been filed in a suit by Jerome Johnson, a 6ft 8in former Jackson bodyguard claiming unspecified damages for unfair dismissal. He says that during Jackson's 1992 *Dangerous* world tour, boys as young as ten spent the night in the singer's quarters.

The star's head of security was told "to do whatever necessary to protect Jackson from being charged or convicted of child molestation".

The singer, who recently split from his wife Lisa-Marie Presley, could not be reached for comment.



## DJ sacked for Brown death joke

**New York:** Bob Grant, a controversial right-wing disc jockey, has been sacked for making a joke about Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary who died in an aircraft crash in Croatia this month (Quentin Letts writes).

As initial reports came in on the day of the accident, Mr Grant said on his talk show: "My hunch is that he [Brown] is the one survivor. I just have that hunch. Maybe it's because, at heart, I'm a pessimist."

## Mugabe moves to seize farms

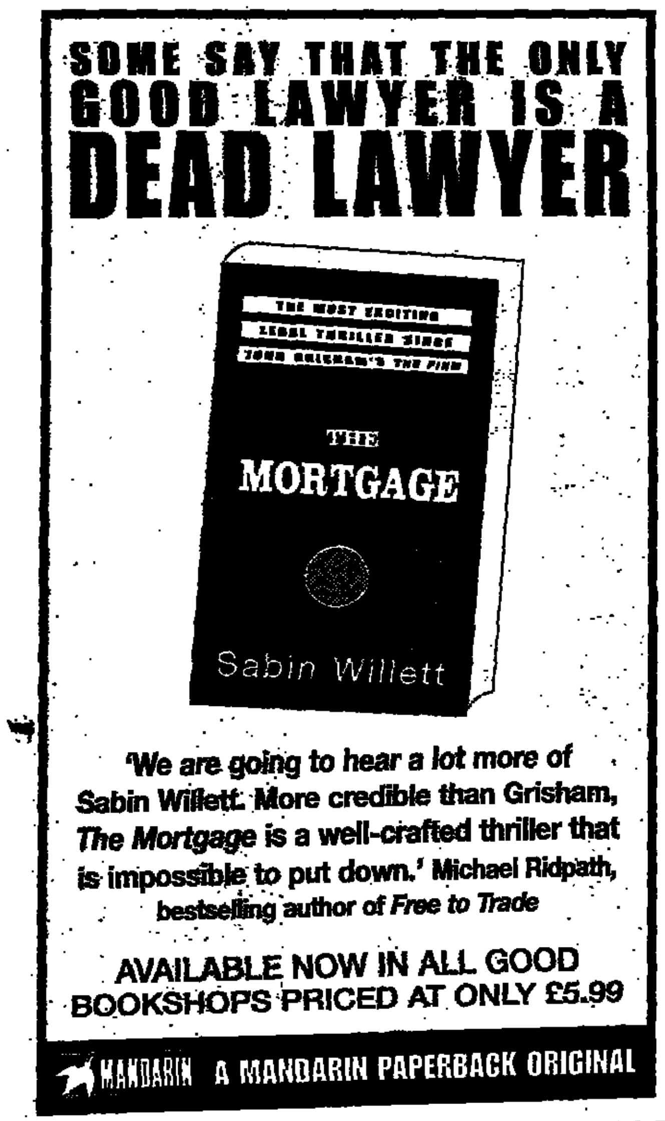
**Harare:** Zimbabwe celebrated its sixteenth year of independence from white minority rule yesterday with an announcement that the Government was to seize 23 white-owned farms to resettle black peasants (Jan Raath writes). This is the second attempt by President Mugabe to nationalise the 123,000 acres.

## Niarchos buried with third wife

**Lausanne:** Stavros Niarchos, 86, the Greek shipping tycoon, was buried in a plain wooden coffin in this Swiss city beside Evgenia Livanos, the "only woman he ever loved". She was the third of his five wives. About 50 mourners, including exiled King Constantine, attended a service. *(Reuter)*

## 19 shot dead in Brazilian clash

**Brasilia:** At least 19 people died in a shootout between landless rural workers and police on a remote Amazon highway in the northern Brazilian state of Para, officials said. Police were trying to disperse 2,000 demonstrators pressing land claims. *(Reuter)*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# Outraged Chinese historians insist Marco Polo went east

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN QUANZHOU, CHINA

SCHOLARS and officials in Quanzhou, which Marco Polo described as rivalling Alexandria as one of the two busiest of the world's entrepôts, yesterday rejected a British historian's suggestions that the Venetian traveller never visited China, and said they were considering raising a statue of him here.

In her book *Did Marco Polo Go to China?*, Frances Wood, head of the Chinese department at the British Library, maintains that Polo's cellmate in Genoa probably invented most of the tale while Polo was in jail in 1296, during Genoa's war with Venice.

Dr Wood said that, although Polo claimed to have spent a great deal of time in China, he had not described the Great Wall, porcelain, Chinese pictograms, foot-binding or tea drinking. She also pointed out that Chinese accounts of the period talk of many foreigners who visited the country, but do not mention Polo.

"We are convinced Marco Polo did visit China and was here in Quanzhou," said Wang Lian Mao, 54, curator of the Sea Communications Museum here, where there is a bronze head of Marco Polo on display. "We believe his history to be true."

Mr Wang is a historian whose museum contains tombstones and other relics of early foreign residents, such as Muslim traders from Persia and later those of Spanish travellers. He said that in the 13th century Quanzhou was known as Zaytun — a word from which "satin" originated — and was rich, attracting traders from the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Later its harbour silted up and it lost influence.

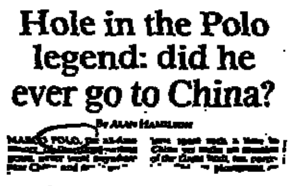
He said discussions were going on about the possibility of setting up a statue to Marco Polo in this port, which is unsilted and eagerly seeking investment as part of China's programme of economic reform. Mr Wang said that Marco Polo's contribution to Chinese historians' knowledge of China when it was ruled by the Yuan, grandson of Genghis Khan, the Mongol invader, was considerable. He cited Polo's reports on taxation at Zaytun being higher than in other Chinese port cities.

In his book, *Description of the World*, which chronicles his travels from 1271 to 1295, during which he served as an ambassador of Kublai Khan, whose summer palace he visited at Xanadu, Polo called Zaytun a splendid city inhabited by a "peaceable folk, fond of easy living".

That Polo had not mentioned tea drinking in his account, Mr Wang said, was explained because "possibly tea at that time was not as popular as today".

On his failure to refer to the binding of the feet of women Zhu Xin-min, a local official, said that women with bound feet would have been kept at home, forbidden to go out.

As to the fact that Polo did not describe the Great Wall of China, another official said: "The Great Wall was built to keep Mongols out. It may be that Kublai did not want his Italian guest to see this, perhaps fearing it gave a negative impression of the Mongols as barbarians."


Hole in the Polo legend: did he ever go to China?

*The Times* report on Dr Wood's scepticism

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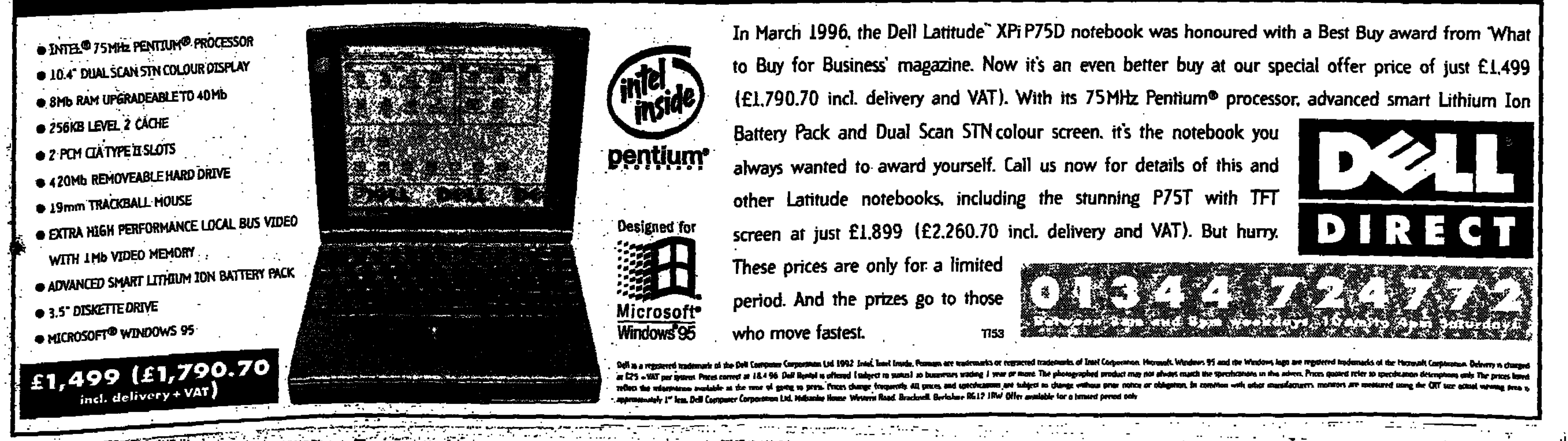
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### Giles Coren **identifies Sad Gap Syndrome**

# The truth about Tony Blair's legs

Anything John Major can do, Tony Blair can do slightly differently. Prior to his 1992 election victory Mr Major appeared in public with his pants showing — the media went wild, the pants went back inside the trousers, and returning to Government was routine.

It would be far too obvious for Mr Blair to repeat exactly the same stunt before the next election. The old pants trick never works twice. So he has committed a new underwear-related faux pas.

Sitting cross-legged next to the most powerful man in the world, he leant back, crossed his left leg over his right, the trouser rode up, and there was a flash of Blair leg, pink and hairy, above the sock. Mr Clinton's leg stayed hidden, for he wore the longer sock always favoured by the well-dressed gentleman.

Sad Gap Syndrome: look around your own office, there is always *one*. It is an error that Michael Heseltine, for example, would never have made. He is famous for the length of his socks, and his own calf has been seen by no one but Mrs Heseltine since 1962.

But not everyone is as well versed in etiquette. On Channel 4's *A Week in Politics*, guests sit unprotected by a table, and the show gives the electorate a unique chance to assess its representatives' hosiery. Host Andrew Rawnsley — au fait with the camera angles — is reputed to favour sock-suspenders. But guests are seldom so well prepared, and many is the hairy shin that has turned a by-election result.

The difference with the Blair débâcle is that the whole world saw it. And yesterday, the shock waves were still rippling thorugh the menswear community.

For Sir Hardy Amies the showing of flesh between trouser and sock is the very worst sartorial crime imaginable. "I have never worn a short sock in my life," he insists. "A gentleman's sock comes over the calf. To wear anything that stops shorter is quite frightful. I can impress this upon you best by saying that in Italy, where correct dress is terribly important, one of the worst things you can call a man is a *mezza calza*, a 'half-socker'. It means, in short, naff."

He was, he said, wearing calf-length ribbed socks at that moment. "They can also be plain, but the length is a legacy of their descent from the stockings gentlemen wore with knee breeches. That is why one wears long, black silk socks in the evening."

In Jeremy Farrell's indispensable study, *Socks and Stockings* (Batsford 1992), we learn that during the second half of the 19th century men's socks were mostly invisible because of the fashion for high boots, thereby befuddling the issue until the First World War. Late in the century, however, as the shoe was set to make a comeback, dozens of patents were filed for sock-suspenders that claimed not to cut off circulation.

We also hear of a low point in 1914 when a young man in Indianapolis slashed his trousers to the knee to reveal red silk stockings. He was arrested, of course, and when he argued that he should enjoy the same rights as women who wore split skirts, the women around him declared that it was "indelicate, inartistic, and hardly decent for men to show legs practically bare from the knees downwards". Mr Blair's advisers did well, then, to keep him away from Indiana.

Flashing: Tony Blair in Washington

You certainly won't see a male shin in Jermyn Street. At Turnbull and Asser all the socks are three-quarter length. "I suppose they sell short socks in Marks & Spencer, but not in Jermyn Street," says Stewart, their chief sock man. "We do stock sock-suspenders, but there is not much call for them any more."

Lord Hailsham has gone on record saying that he always wears them, but it is not a fashion that impresses Sir Hardy. "I don't think I have ever worn them. You can do whatever you like with your socks, though, so long as you are not showing flesh."

No one would be fool enough to quibble with him on a matter of this delicacy, but this *is* 1996. Social conventions and ancient proprieties are all waiting for a new dawn. There was a time when the displaying of a lady's midriff would have been laughable. But today that little flash, accompanied ideally by a pierced navel, is the very height of elegance.

Surely men should not be left out of the fun? If every gap must have its day, perhaps Tony Blair has signalled the acceptability of a new flash of revealed flesh. Sir Hardy doubts it.

"It has never been acceptable," he says. "And it never will be. You either dress like a gentleman, or you don't give a damn."

The leafy approach to Radnage, and (inset) Janet Brown: the identity of her killer is still keenly debated by villagers, who favour the lover theory

# Murder in the village

## It is a year since Janet Brown was murdered. Police have not found her killer, but believe it must be a local. Julia Llewellyn Smith **reports**

Janet Brown was brutally murdered in her home a year ago this month. She is buried just outside the low, ivy-covered walls in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, in Radnage, Buckinghamshire. The grave, which is covered in bunches of daffodils and carnations, is not marked by a headstone: the ground is not yet settled enough. A tiny wooden stake, marked "J. Brown", is the only testament to the body lying there.

The church is surrounded by rolling fields, patches of thick woodland and scattered farmhouses. Many of the families who live here are refugees from the city, who chose Radnage for its remoteness and tranquillity. The village is too small to have a shop, and for the sprawling, ancient properties surrounded by acres of land there are no house numbers, only names.

It would be the ideal setting for an Agatha Christie novel, but in real life no one could have dreamt of the events of April 10, 1995, when Mrs Brown, 51, a loving mother of three, was bludgeoned to death in the living room of Hall Farm. Her body was discovered the following morning: naked, handcuffed and gagged.

At first, the explanation seemed clear. Mrs Brown, who had been home alone that night, had surprised a burglar, who had panicked and killed her. Over the years, there had been a spate of burglaries in the area.

Hall Farm, which had been the family home for ten years, had recently been put on the market for £345,000. Although set close to the road, it was surrounded by 11 acres of open land, over which a thief could easily have approached undetected.

Mrs Brown, who had just resumed work as a research nurse in Oxford, was so anxious about theft that she had pioneered a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Nine years before she had surprised a burglar, and as a result had acquired a Great Dane called Carly, which had died the year before and had not been replaced.

Yet the burglar theory quickly began to show flaws. Mrs Brown had spent the last night of her life at home alone. Her husband, Grahaem, worked in Switzerland as a medical scientist for the pharmaceutical giant Ciba Geigy. Her daughter Zara, 22, a languages graduate, was working in London: Dominic, 21, was a student at Exeter University. Her youngest child, Roxane, 17, had announced earlier that day that she would be spending the night with friends.

That evening Mrs Brown ate a small meal and at about 8pm she spoke to a friend of Roxane's on the telephone. When her builder rang at 8.20pm, there was no reply. In this time an intruder — almost certainly a man — must have broken through the side patio doors and attacked her in her bedroom, where masking tape was found. At 10.20pm, a passerby heard the external alarm ringing, which cut off automatically after 20 minutes.

Little adds up. If Mrs Brown heard smashing glass at around 8.15pm, why did the alarm, which was triggered by buttons next to her bed and the front door, not sound for nearly another two hours? Most killers would have fled at the sound of an alarm, although the police have *not* discounted the theory that the killer, for some unknown reason, set it off himself.

The method of entry was complicated. A video and television were unplugged, but nothing had been stolen. Two cars were parked in the drive, the curtains downstairs were open and lights were on throughout the house. Mrs Brown was bound, gagged and helpless, but she was killed anyway.

"On balance, I don't think the motive was burglary. If a burglar did it, it wasn't a half decent one," says Detective Superintendent Michael Short of Thames Valley Police, who has been in charge of the investigation since it opened.

Since then dozens of theories have been entertained, but none makes complete sense. There was no sign of a struggle. Although Mrs Brown was naked, she had not been raped, tortured or sexually assaulted. Furthermore, she had not been stripped: her clothes were neatly folded at the side of her bed.

"I can't understand that," says one police officer who worked on the case. "She may have gone to bed naked and been woken by the sound of breaking glass, but no woman goes to confront an intruder without putting something on. She would feel far too vulnerable."

Reluctantly, police and villagers have come to the conclusion that the murderer may be living in the community, protected by friends and family. "We feel that this is the case, because of the location," says Detective Superintendent Short. "It's someone who's either lived or worked in the area. I don't know if he was known to Mrs Brown."

> 'No woman confronts an intruder naked'

The worry of burglary aside, villagers seem more titillated than terrified at the idea of a killer hiding in their midst.

"There's nothing to be afraid of," says one neighbour, who like everyone I spoke to declined to be named. "We are sure that the murderer knew Janet Brown, she let him into the house. Her husband was working away, and we all reckon she had a bit on the side."

Once Dr Brown, who had a solid alibi, had been eliminated from police inquiries, the lover theory seemed the most likely option. Certainly, this is the favourite theory in Radnage. Yet police have been unable to uncover any evidence of a secret life.

Mrs Brown, it transpires, was a friendly, pleasant but reserved woman. Even those who considered her a close friend admit that she never discussed personal matters. Many in the village had speculated before the killing that the distance between Dr and Mrs Brown was more than geographical, but the house was being sold so she could join her husband in Switzerland.

Over the past year, Mr Short's team have interviewed 2,700 witnesses and discussed the case with dozens of psychologists, psychiatrists and offender profilers. "I have got my own views as a result of speaking to these people, but it would be unhelpful for me to go ahead and give my theories," he says.

The likelihood of obtaining any more solid evidence is fading. "As time goes by, we have got to be less confident about ever solving this," says Mr Short. "But we still have people working on inquiries and we are optimistic about two anonymous calls we have had from someone who appears to have information."

After the long winter, spring has come to Radnage. Lambs are in the fields, pheasants peck at the verges and laughing groups of teenagers on horseback trot in single file along the winding lanes. These are the sights that Mrs Brown would have enjoyed as she drove home from work on the last Monday of her life. Hall Farm has been sold and is now called Cabbage Hall, its original name. Builders are working on the house and a large skip lies in the drive. And the Brown family are trying to come to terms with the fact that they may never know what happened to an adored wife and mother one evening last April.

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Genista McIntosh, executive director of the National and the most powerful woman in the British theatre

# Centre stage in a national drama

## The former casting director who has £32 million of lottery cash to spend on her biggest production — turning Colditz-on-Thames into a place of beauty

The name of Genista McIntosh is not widely known: but at 49 she is the most powerful woman in the British theatre. She has the looks of a leading actress, the fluency of a politician — she might have been either had she followed her early inclinations.

Instead Ms Mcintosh, known as Jenny, is an elongated, high-cheekboned, brown-eyed figure draped on a sofa inside the grey concrete mass of the building John Osborne called Colditz-on-Thames, looking out at the grey river under a leaden sky.

She runs the National Theatre as executive director, which means she is chatelaine, enabler, engineer, midwife, networker. When Richard Eyre steps down, and Trevor Nunn takes over as artistic director, Ms McIntosh will remain, a constant factor. She will oversee the massive spending programme which will, it was announced this week, go ahead, thanks to National Lottery money: £31.59 million from the Arts Council, plus £10 million they will raise themselves.

She loves this building, she avows. They all do. The National is a happy ship. There is a company spirit, down to the mice which scuttle within its concrete walls. But few would deny that it could be improved. Mary Soames, former board chairman, declared that while it was a marvellous institution, she found its exterior "intimidating", the stains on the concrete "like sweat patches on a man's shirt".

The lottery money will clean up the concrete, renew ageing machinery, and most importantly for us all, improve the front of the theatre and its riverside site. "It all needed doing, and the lottery has come along pat! Upon its hour." Ms McIntosh tends to use these Shakespearean locutions.

"There are two things which really matter about the way the theatre opens on to the world. First, there is no coherent entrance point. When it was built, it was commonplace for entrances to be put high up on walkways. But most people come in at street level, and there isn't anywhere inviting to go in. Second, the straitjacket of a road which cuts it off from its main asset, its proximity to the river. Nothing could be dafter, really. The theatre sits uncomfortably cut off on an island. We're going to create a big landscaped space which will be available for people, for performance."

Sir Denys Lasdun, the architect, now 82, also passionately loves his building. His acrimonious views of the proposed changes are well known. He thinks they will wreck *his façade*, and turn the interior into "a supermarket" (they will relocate the bookshop and box office, to make them accessible from the outside).

His protests have obliged them to abandon a plan of removing the upper walkway. "He took very strong exception to that. It was very important to him — and he is entitled to his view — that his building depends upon a series of planes for its aesthetic integrity and that is a critical part of it.

"I think it is an interesting question," says Ms McIntosh carefully, "to what extent the original architect of a building owns it. A building grows into itself, and what people expect from their environment in 1996 is not what they expected even 20 years ago."

She points out that people have never quite "got" the building, since it cannot properly be seen, except from the other side of Waterloo Bridge, a striking vision at night. "And to see the wonderful views you have to stand in the middle of the road. All we're doing is giving the building the best possible setting."

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

After this interview I went to a preview of *The Prince's Play* (Hugo's *Le Roi S'Amuse*, in a Tony Harrison translation). It was Saturday night: cold, blustery. The approach was, as ever, dominated by dustbins, parked motorcycles, generators, ugliness. Everyone arriving first tried to get in by the wrong door, but nothing outside said a cheering "Welcome".

"The building itself," Ms McIntosh adds, "is ideally suited to all kinds of different performances at different levels. We want to make that idea come alive by liberating some of the spaces. That a National Theatre was built at all was a result of a tremendous collective act of political will."

When McAlpine's began work in 1969, it was the biggest theatre ever built in Britain, costing £16 million. Everything went wrong: a shortage of building labour, fallings-out between architect and builder, troublesome stage machinery like the Olivier's notorious drum revolve. The delays ran on, the costs ran up, the stagehands struck; Peter Hall was almost defeated by it. Before it was finished the *New Statesman* was declaring that it already seemed: "as cumbersome as a dreadnought; expensive to build and maintain; demanding a crew of hundreds; dubiously relevant to the later 20th century." But Simon Jenkins declared it "a masterpiece of British architecture, a Concorde of culture". And in recent years it has been artistically triumphant and demonstrably popular.

Genista — the name comes from Planta genista, emblem of the Plantagenets, a kind of broom — was brought up, the eldest of five, in a Hertfordshire village called Little Gaddesden, fringed by spectacular National Trust-owned beechwoods. "And of course like all children brought up in beautiful places, I never gave it a moment's thought." Her father was active in local drama, and took her to Stratford, so the theatre seeped into her bloodstream.

She read philosophy and sociology at York under Laurie Taylor, worked on the York Mystery Plays with the inspiring Graham Beynon and married a fellow student, Neil McIntosh, director of Shelter and of VSO. It was only when working in a theatrical agency that she realised that the job she wanted more than anything in the world was as casting director of the RSC. "Then I saw that very job, advertised in the *New Statesman*. I applied — with no experience whatever. I would never get near it today. I suspect I was the only applicant from the *Statesman* ad — and perhaps they were intrigued." The first thing she cast was Peter Brook's world tour of the *Dream*. "From being a secretary to the rehearsal room with Peter Brook. It was amazing. Peter Brook had changed my life when I saw his *Lear* (with Paul Scofield, Irene Worth and Diana Rigg) when I was doing *Lear* for A level. It made me realise that plays are live things."

Skilled casting is hard to explain, but in her long years at the RSC (where she rose to be part of the ruling triumvirate with Adrian Noble and Michael Attenborough) she had a hand in many an inspired casting, eg, the 23-year-old Ken Branagh, whom she had seen at the tiny Upstream theatre, as Henry V.

In 1990 she heard that David Aukin was leaving the National and "I shamefully jumped ship. I had to come here. I said to Adrian, it was the only job in the world that would have made me leave. He had every reason to be furious, but he was brilliant — generous and unreproachful."

She lives in Kentish Town with daughter and son and regards her life as charmed. She had just viewed the designs for the new Stephen Poliakoff play, and was off to a run-through of the new Wallace Shawn play with Miranda Richardson and Mike Nichols, directed by David Hare.

"Tonight I shall go to the Almeida, or to *Fidelio* at ENO. I very much like going to the theatre on my own. You don't have any responsibility for anyone else's enjoyment. It's a completely private pleasure."

About the lottery she confessed to the usual misgiving that funds committed through the Treasury might in future diminish, making the arts vulnerable to lottery volatility. "But of course this money could not conceivably be produced by any other means, so you can't be churlish. There will be dramatic benefits for everyone."

# More tea, Miss Crawford?

What did Prince William say after his tryst with a model? **Quentin Letts** reports

Was it "Cindy" or a more Windsorly "Miss Crawford" when Prince William took tea with the Hollywood babe? To whom fell the conversational initiative: the future heir to the Throne or the princess of the silver screen? Who poured?

One aches to know, but the details of that teatime tryst are doubtless lost for good. When a young man meets his pin-up, his grey matter can turn to soup. At such times, as any survivor of male adolescence will concur, your hands tend to flail, probably clobbering the sugar bowl. Your voice cracks. One moment it is an impressive tenor, the next it squeaks.

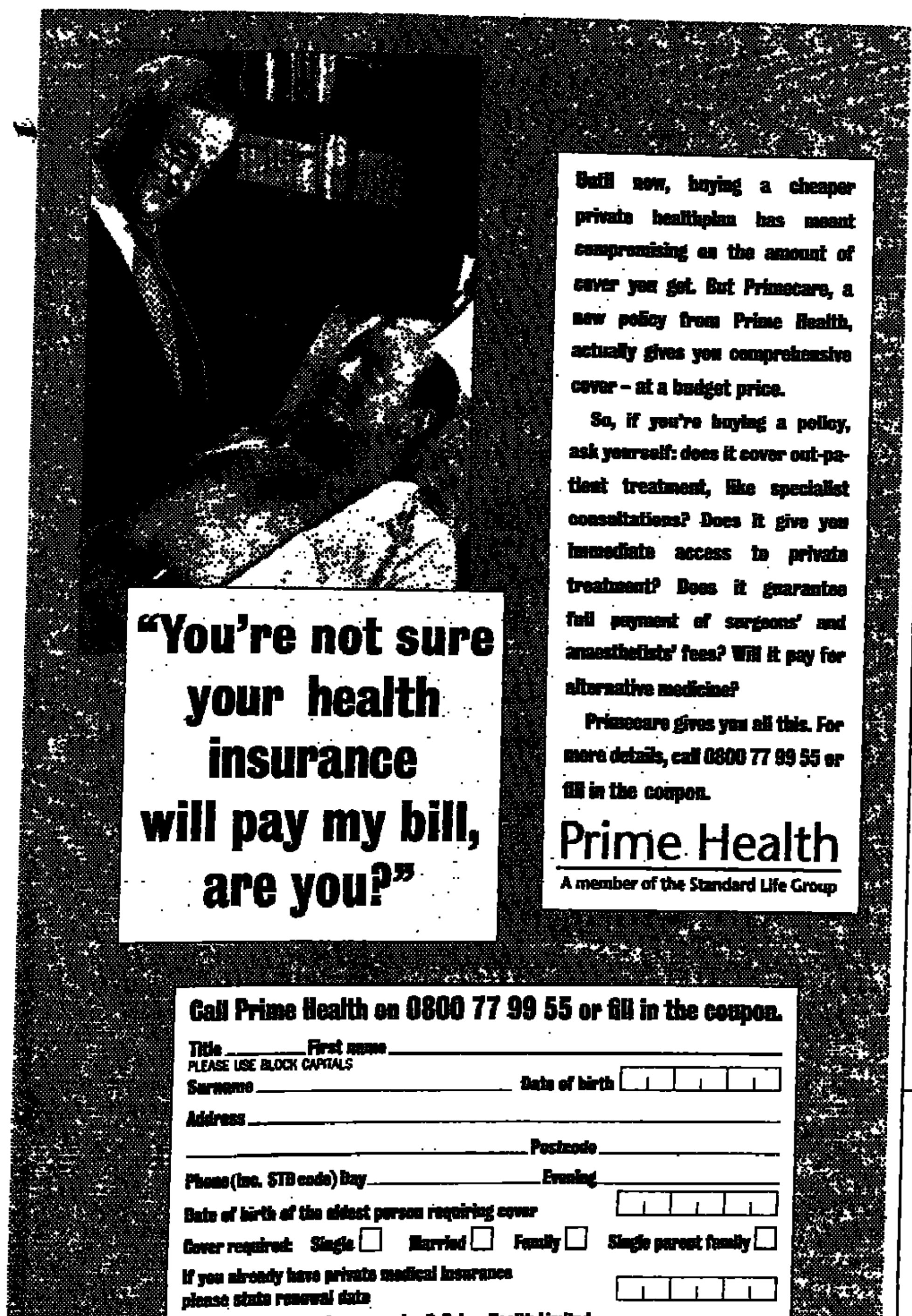
Miss Crawford will be far too ladylike to spoon the goods on what occurred in that Kensington Palace drawing room. Did she curtsey on introduction, thus allowing young shorty a glimpse of forbidden bosom? Did she call him "Sir"?

Our royals are masters of small talk, but here was a test. Even the most-travelled Lothario would need to prepare well his opening gambit with *such a beauty*.

Cynics may say this was a blatant publicity stunt to portray the prince as blokish. They would be wrong, for with that single assignation, Prince William has surely stoked the envy of British men far more than have any number of weekends at Sandringham or rides in an open landau. Footmen? Palaces? Rides on Concorde? So be it. But hot-buttered toast with supermodel Cindy? Grrrr.

Pop — the Eton Pop, that is — will be sure to debrief young Windsor at the start of summer half. A full and frank appraisal of his tea guest's political views will be sought, along with any other insights the young man can offer. One has to wonder at the sense of introducing a boy to his pin-up. What happens if she turns out to have feet of clay? It could unbalance a lad.

But that is unlikely. I bet Cindy Crawford gave the awestruck William a terrific wink at the end of tea. Kensington Palace has heard a few meaty yelps in its day, but I wager that after tea had been cleared, and after nice Miss Crawford had been shown to the door, the royal eaves resounded to the loudest, longest "phwooooooorrr!" uttered since the days of Lillie Langtry.



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# Philip Howard

## ■ You think hamburgers are junk, eh? Not so fast, you wimpy snobs

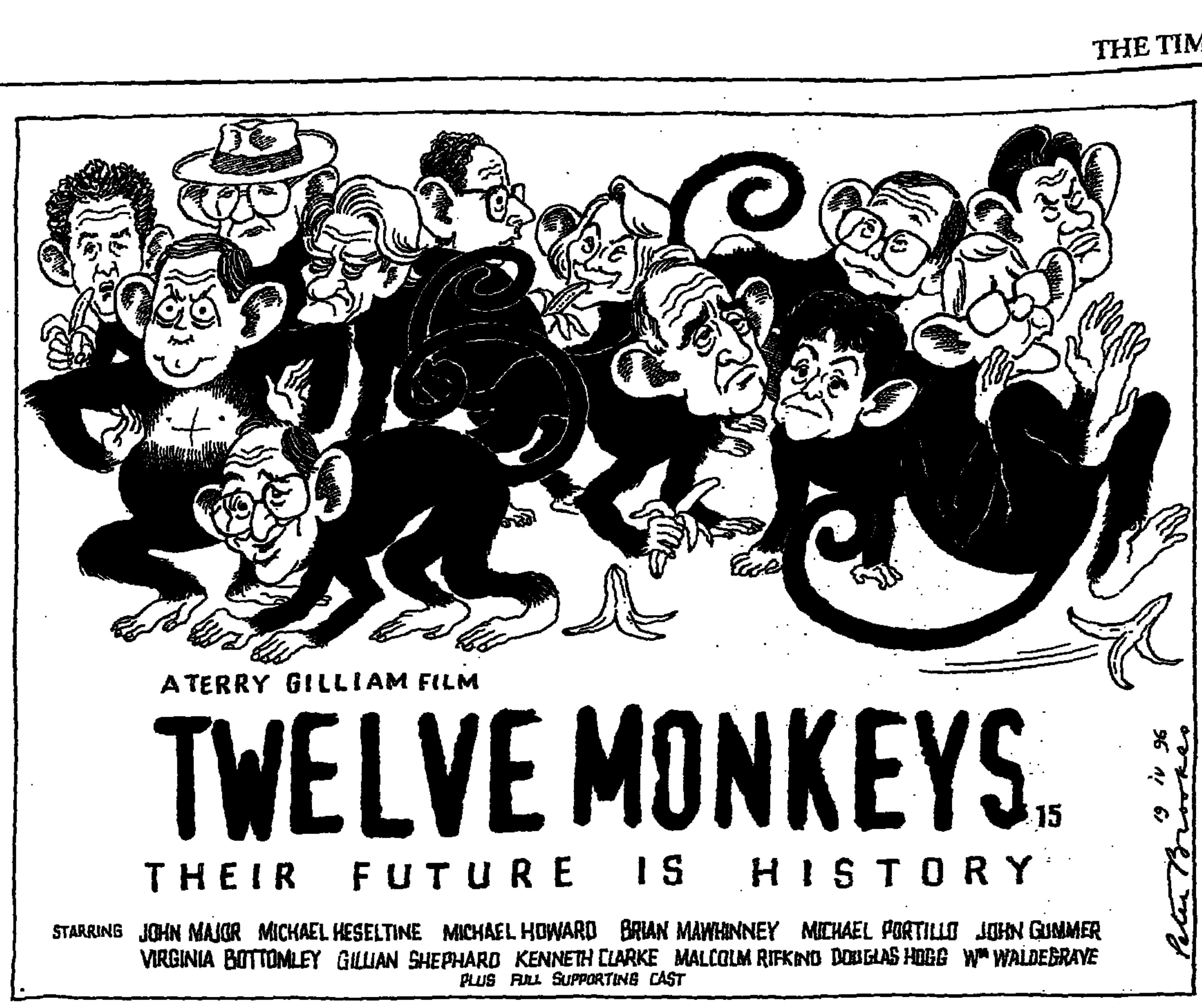
It would be helpful if Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner of the EU, could now declare that he "would not worry" about eating British hamburgers. For hamburgers are derided as junk, convenience food. Food snobs assert that the brains of modern youth have been rotted by a continuous diet of hamburgers. And it is certainly offensive to scoff hamburgers (or anything else) in the street, the Tube or other public places not meant for eating. But war babies brought up with rationing eat fast, polish their plates clean, and remember the arrival of hamburgers in Britain as a blessed relief from continual hunger, powdered egg, Woolton pies (in which rats' claws were folklore) and whale steaks. And a proper hamburger, to be found at Tootsies and Fortnum & Mason (if you are prepared to wait for them to kill the fatted bullock), is one of the great urban dishes of the world.

For hamburger climbs Mount Improbable in history as well as taste. The original hamburger was a German sausage named after the port where it was invented. (*cf.* frankfurter). But the recipe of a small cake of minced beef, grilled or fried, is ancient. It goes back to Aristophanes and Apicius, the Roman Mr Beeton. The dish was just waiting for a name. And the mincemeat that became the modern hamburger originated in the Baltic, or perhaps in the Russian *bitock*, a beef cake. This was adopted as a conveniently packaged form of meat by the seamen of Hamburg (*cf.* the Cornish pasty), and they took it with them when they emigrated to America. It first turns up in English texts in 1889 as Hamburger steak. The 1904 St Louis World's Fair, where visitors discovered it in herds, propelled the hamburger towards its destiny as the quintessential fast food. And it was adopted as the main staple in the new fast-food chains. The White Castle chain was the first in 1921. McDonald's opened in 1940.

So at some time in the Thirties, the first Wimpy was created in Chicago. Like Coca-Cola and other such mass-market foods and drinks, it boasted of "secret" spices and bread baked to a carefully guarded recipe. Wimpy also crossbred with that other 20th-century phenomenon that was growing as fast as fast-food chains: the comic strip and cartoon film. Its eponym was J. Wellington Wimpy, a friend of Popeye.

The form of a *Popeye* cartoon was as strict as that of a Bach fugue. There was a gentle introduction with Pluto, Popeye's dog, and Olive Oyl, his skinny girlfriend. Wimpy would buy a hamburger with some such stock phrase as, "Wimpy is the name, sir, J. Wellington Wimpy," or, "I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today!" Thereafter, often in a nautical setting, Popeye would start to be beaten up by Bluto, the baddy with a black beard, or the piratical crew of an opposing ship. He was in real trouble. But at that moment he found a tin of spinach, a coherent, viscous, seagreen fluid, and emptied it into his mouth. His triceps swelled, and the opposition was annihilated. As the spinach poured in, the leitmotif swelled like his triceps, and Popeye had won. For Popeye was a herbivore. "I'm Popeye the sailorman. [Repeat]. On cabbage and spinach, My powers don't diminish, I'm Popeye the sailorman."

The Popeye cartoon of the inspired runt who wallops the giant is one of the ten fundamental plots in fiction, since David v Goliath and Odysseus v the world. It is why romantics support Frank Bruno. From the popularity of Popeye's Ur-strip-cartoon in the *Daily Mirror*, the Wellington bomber which led British raids into Germany in the war was also nicknamed the Wimpy. J. Wellington Wimpy's passion for hamburgers has now occupied every corner of the world, including Russia. Even France has *le hambourgaire*. The suffix *-burger* has produced as many new forms as the *-gate* in *Watergate*. So we have cheeseburgers, baconburgers, eggburgers, steakburgers, porkburgers, mouseburgers, chefburgers, and jumboburgers. Even Popeye could eat nutburgers, vegeburgers and spinachburgers. *Burger* on its own has become a respectable word. And, *pace* Popeye, the fast-food thousand-island publicists, food snobs and the wimps of the EU, a rare hamburger with red relish is fine food and revealing social history.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# Blair will win — and fail

### In the last of his series, **Anatole Kaletsky** sees Labour as the party of public service

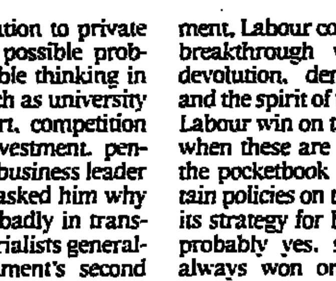
The parody that helped Margaret Thatcher to win the 1979 election was of the Labour Government's reflex reaction to every political challenge: invite the trade union barons for beer and sandwiches at Downing Street and agree a "social contract". The parody that promises to play a similar role in the 1997 election is of the Tories' answer to every problem they have faced. From controlling health costs and running the railways to organising the National Lottery, chasing up errant fathers or stopping prison escapes, the solution has always seemed the same: hire management consultants, hold an auction, put the chief executive on performance-related pay and announce a "market solution". For better or worse, the Tory panaceas of privatisation and competition now command almost as little public confidence as the tripartite deals of the old corporate state.

For Tony Blair, Britain's disenchantment with market fundamentalism is a godsend, as he tries with one hand to suppress Labour's "tax and spend" image while with the other he holds out to the electorate some policies that look fresh and new. The disenchantment lets him carve out a large field of policies — on accountable government, constitutional reform, the quality of life and the spirit of public service in health, education and welfare — which Tory commercialism cannot reach. The new policies for what Labour describes as "community building" need not cost large sums. And best of all, Labour might set up a political contest with the Tories well away from the economic battlefields on which it could very well still lose.

Labour has announced several policies which could fundamentally change Britain's system of government and affect the quality of life. It has firm plans to devolve power closer to the people by offering national assemblies to Scotland and Wales and creating a regional council for London, while keeping its options open on regional assemblies for the rest of England. It has offered a Bill of Rights and a radical opening up of government — which, to judge by history, it might live to regret in office. A plan to reform the House of Lords may cost it dearly in terms of parliamentary time, but will probably corner the Tories into defending the indefensible, in the shape of hereditary voting rights.

In other areas of public life, Labour should also be able to steal a march on the Tories, whose dedication to private market solutions to all possible problems has thwarted sensible thinking in many areas of policy, such as university funding, public transport, competition policy, infrastructure investment, pensions and health. As one business leader remarked to me when I asked him why the Tories had failed so badly in transport policy (which industrialists generally rank as the Government's second biggest failure, after education): "To deal with transport you need a national strategic plan, and all three of those words are anathema to the Tories."

On law and order, Labour may end up adding little to Mr Blair's famous slogan — "tough on crime, and tough on the causes of crime" — but it has published some detailed plans to deal with young offenders, as well as to streamline the courts, and to break down restrictive practices in the legal profession, so improving the public's access to legal aid.



KALETSKY'S LABOUR

But far more important politically than any specific policies put forward by the Labour Party is its claim to a new way of thinking about public services. "We will be just as determined to squeeze efficiency out of the public sector as the Tories, because we really really believe in these public services and want them to deliver results," one Labour politician told me. But the party believes it can achieve efficiency not by bribing or intimidating teachers, doctors and policemen, but by sending them a long-forgotten message: we will give you an honorable place in the community and restore your pride.

As one Labour adviser put it: "Why was the Prussian Army better than the Italian Army? And why were both better than a bunch of mercenaries? That is one of the most interesting questions in politics. The Tories do not even understand what it means."

With some more eloquence and refinement, Labour could make an ideological breakthrough with its promises on devolution, democratic accountability and the spirit of public service. But could Labour win on the basis of social issues, when these are finally weighed against the pocketbook issues of its still uncertain policies on tax and the doubts about its strategy for business? The answer is probably yes, since elections are not always won on pocketbook issues — especially Labour victories.

What happens in government is another matter. Once Mr Blair arrives in Downing Street, economic realities will loom large, along with the other black hole in his policy: Europe.

If European monetary union goes ahead in 1999, will Labour join? I believe the answer is yes. Its motive would be not just misplaced internationalist idealism, but also fear.

Every Labour Government from Ramsay MacDonald's onwards has been crippled by a sterling crisis — in 1931, 1949, 1967 and 1976 — and these crises go a long way to explain why Labour has never governed for two full consecutive terms. What better way could there be to avoid the risk of another sterling crisis than simply to abolish sterling?

A second reason why Mr Blair is likely to join a single currency is that Labour is instinctively pro-European, and becoming more so. Although it is still deeply divided over Europe, the generational structure of the split is the opposite of that in the Tory party. The Euro-sceptics in the Tory party are in the coming generation, whereas in Labour the anti-Europeans are concentrated on the ageing left wing.

The greatest threat in office to Labour's social idealism will be the basic facts of economic life. Materialism may detract from the sense of public service, but experience shows that in the end money is the most effective way of motivating people and competition is better at improving efficiency than exhortation. A Labour government will find public-sector workers demanding more money, as well as higher status. It will find costs soaring if competitive tendering and privatisation are abandoned. It will find huge inefficiencies in the public sector which it must root out. And it will find the business community fighting back against regulation, avoiding taxes and defending shareholders' rights.

Sooner or later Mr Blair will also face the nemesis of every government: the need to manage the business cycle, which neither inflation targets nor monetary union can ultimately avoid.

In the election, however, such concerns are likely to be forgotten. As the economy improves, the economic issues on which Labour's policies are most dubious may actually loom less large in the public mind, while the preservation and improvement of public services will seem more important. Ironically for the Tories, the more the economic situation improves, the more voters may feel they can afford the risk of voting Labour.

Every Labour Government of the past — MacDonald's in 1924 and 1929, Attlee's in 1945 and Wilson's in 1964 — was elected at a time of relative prosperity and optimism, rather than of fear and gloom. The only partial exception to this rule was Wilson's second Government, elected in the peculiar circumstances of the miners' strike in 1974.

On balance, then, Mr Blair does look extremely likely to be elected. What, then will he really do? In the past week, I have tried to present as many of his policies as possible without degenerating into laundry-lists. But in the end a government's success or failure is determined not by its manifesto. The real challenge begins when a new prime minister arrives in Downing Street to be confronted with economic crises, splits in the Cabinet and unpredictable world events.

So will Mr Blair prove more successful than John Major in handling the unexpected? We know very well about Mr Major's record; time will tell about Mr Blair. Experience shows that most political careers end in failure — and that the voters are quicker to turn on Labour governments than Tory ones. But a vote for Labour has always been a triumph of hope over experience. And what is life without hope?

# America misses the EU's trick

### Washington looks the other way, says

### Jeffrey Gedmin

Americans have been reluctant internationalists ever since the country's first President, George Washington, warned his infant nation against foreign entanglements. In some ways it is no surprise that the new Europe, lacking a menacing Soviet threat, hardly entices Americans. After all, the US is not a member of the EU; nor does it aspire to be one.

The present inter-governmental conference is unlikely to attract any more attention in America than the Maastricht treaty did. Too bad. The greatest voluntary transfer of sovereignty in history takes place on a continent where America has massive investment and trade interests, a continent that has gobbled up American blood and treasure in this century through two hot wars and one cold, and where 20,000 American troops have recently been deployed to help to bring peace to the Balkans. You would think Americans would pay a little closer attention to the reorganisation of Europe.

Yet Washington is looking the other way: to the Far East, the Middle East, southern Africa, Bosnia — anywhere but the EU. *Foreign Affairs*, America's leading establishment journal on international relations, has devoted barely 10 per cent of its articles to European issues over the past five years. Neither *The Washington Post* nor *The New York Times* has a correspondent in Brussels. The Clinton Administration's feelings about European federalism are unmistakably warm, but entirely vague. "We want Europe to be strong," says the President, "that is why America supports Europe's steps towards greater unity." Yet not even *Brookings Review*, with its close ties to the Democratic Party, has published a single article on monetary union since the Maastricht treaty was signed in 1991.

"Explaining the EU to an American is like explaining cricket to an American," quips a British journalist. Debates over majority voting and the powers of the European Commission, the parliament, and the Council of Ministers often seem obscure (and not just to Americans), but the stakes are high for America, too.

In Washington recently, John Redwood made some crowd-pleasing speeches against Europe's paternalistic, interventionist welfare states, in an attempt to drum up support among American conservatives for British Euro-sceptics. He was flattered by the attention of Newt Gingrich; but this probably reflected the fact that the Republican House Speaker's press spokesman, Tony Blankley, is British. Similarly, John O'Sullivan, the British-born editor of the influential conservative magazine *National Review*, is the guiding force behind the "New Atlantic Initiative", a project to be christened with a major conference in Prague next month. O'Sullivan's aim is to stimulate fresh debate about EU and Nato enlargement, about the future of Europe and America's role there.

Many Americans remain uncertain of what European federalism will mean for them. "The whole Maastricht process is just not on our screen," says a Democrat working for the House international affairs committee, "— unless it's how Europe screwed up on Bosnia." The path towards monetary union has raised serious questions about sovereignty and democracy in Europe. It is of course primarily a political project, as its proponents readily confess. But populist demagogues on the Continent and the obstinate British are not the only ones who should be wondering why it is necessary or desirable to transfer so many powers to supranational institutions. Helmut Kohl, who wants to be chancellor of European unification, suggests that the alternative is a return to nationalism and war. Americans know this is nonsense. Nation states and nationalism are not the same thing. Americans ought to ponder what will happen if the campaign to bring Europe closer together succeeds in doing just the opposite.

A common foreign and security policy will be a prime topic of discussion at this year's intergovernmental conference. It is intended to mean cohesion, power and greater effectiveness, which the Clinton Administration favours. It means burden-sharing, and should mean less for America to do. Strobe Talbot, Clinton's Deputy Secretary of State, has argued that the EU might pave the way as a model for globalism. He even gushed about federalism "as the basis for global government". Even Henry Kissinger likes the idea that a US Secretary of State could make one phone call to consult the Europeans — and the European Commission is already proposing a single foreign representative to speak on the EU's behalf. But what would it mean for America if such a policy were to paralyse countries which in the past have been important partners of the United States? Mothballing the Atlantic alliance before anything meaningful can replace it should worry us all.

Despite all the questions, European federalism is on the march. The Franco-German corps will be one day transformed into a European army. "Eventually, we will opt for our own defence," the Dutch European Commissioner, Hans van den Broek, said recently. If so, this too is something Americans ought to start considering now. But there is little sign that the penny has dropped — yet.

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# Palace Day

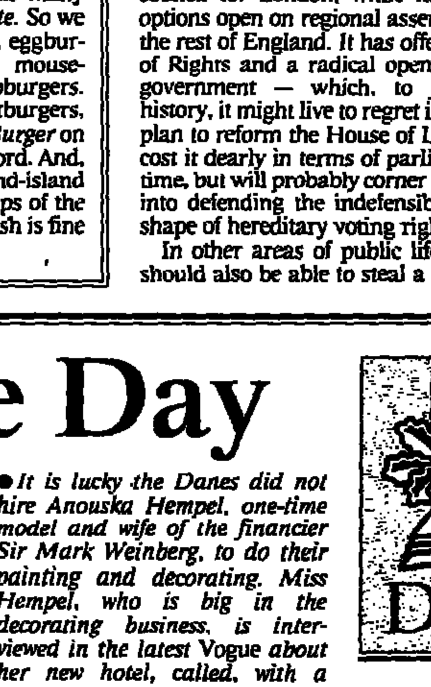
IN DENMARK, they are staggered at our collective tightfistedness towards the Queen, who will celebrate her 70th birthday on Sunday with no gift from the nation. The Danes, by contrast, have just handed over the keys to a renovated palace to Queen Margrethe as a present on her 56th birthday.

State, corporate and public donors pitched in £14 million to redecorate the Christian VII Palace in Copenhagen for the Queen. Work has been going on for 14 years and involved the shipping in of acres of pink Italian marble with His and Hers monograms for the Queen and her husband, Prince Henrik.

It was like a scene from Hans Christian Andersen, with gnomes of the Danish Government tearing up the bill that it would otherwise have sent to the monarch for the decorating. The Queen herself helped out, by overseeing the design of the locks on the doors connecting the palace to her neighbouring main residence.

"While everyone was saying congratulations," reported the Danish press, "the Queen was very sweet and said, 'For me, this is palace day.'"

● *It is lucky the Danes did not hire Anouska Hempel, one-time model and wife of the financier Sir Mark Weinberg, to do their painting and decorating. Miss Hempel, who is big in the decorating business, is interviewed in the latest* Vogue *about her new hotel, called, with a touching modesty, the Hempel. Her rooms are tastefully painted in a variety of shades including "bone, tea-stain, osprey dribble and the colour of flood damage".*



Hempel but not homespun

## Cheap shot

GUN ACTIVISTS have been having fun at the expense of Haley Barbour, chairman of America's Republican Party. A lobby group, Gun Owners of America, circulated its members with Barbour's phone number, urging them to call him to berate him about America's forthcoming anti-terrorism Bill, which will complicate life for the innocent sportsman.

Barbour had so many rambling protest calls — many of them beginning with a Southern drawl of "Now look here, boy" — that he changed his number. But a deep throat has now leaked the new Barbour number to Gun Owners, which has in turn circulated the up-to-date number too.

Result: a thousand index fingers dialled the new number, followed, not much later, by a Vesuvian explosion from Barbour, who is fast developing a nervous twitch.

## Newly proud

LANDSEER'S lions in Trafalgar Square are going in for a grooming. The pride of four that guard the base of Nelson's Column have lasted well since being cast in 1867. There is no record of their having had to be spruced up before, despite enduring the daily humiliation of hordes of grunting tourists clambering onto their backs and leaving their chewing-gum.

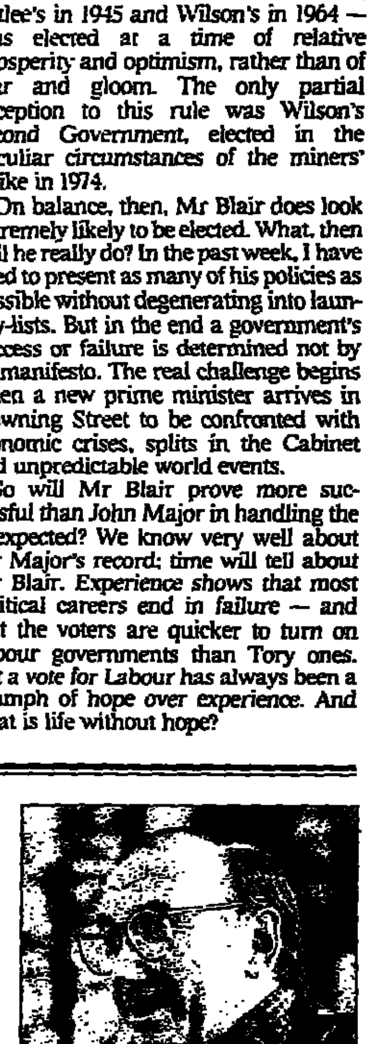
*"I think it's a Redwood"*

Each of the 20ft bronzes will need three weeks of treatment under scaffolding, and the operation will cost the Department of National Heritage £25,000. "We are just repairing the pockmarks and bald patches," says a heritage-wallah, "but we don't want to stop people climbing on the lions."

● *With Lord Archer placing high-risk bets with Sir James Goldsmith on the number of votes the Referendum Party might win, it seems appropriate that Conservatives Abroad have relocated their North American HQ to Las Vegas. Sadly set away from the showgirls and casinos, the CA office is the spare room of John Lennon, 52, a systems analyst from Southall and chairman of CA's Nevada chapter. "Conservatives Abroad is here because I work here," says a jumpy Lennon, who helps expats to register to vote in British elections. "We have nothing to do with the gaming industry — or the Beatles."*

## Tickety boo

THESPIAN etiquette was trampled on the other night by the American playwright Neil Simon. He turned up at the Gielgud Theatre, bought himself a ticket to his own play, *Chapter Two*, and slipped unrecognised into his seat.



Neil Simon: bad form

After the show, he decided to pop backstage to see the cast, which includes Sharon Gless, formerly Cagney of *Cagney and Lacey*, and Tom Conti. Bad idea.

Actors react to such lightning visits with all the control of startled nudists. "Sharon was very upset," says a source in the wings. "Simon had not told anybody he was coming, bought a ticket under another name, and was recognised by no one front of house except a *Big Issue* vendor outside."

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# LOOKING-GLASS LABOUR

## Blair is keeping his party, as well as the public, in the dark

For the past few weeks, our economics editor, Anatole Kaletsky, has been submerged in policy documents, speeches and position papers from the Labour Party. His task, as expounded over the past week in *The Times*, was to determine as accurately as he could what Tony Blair would do in government. The results have been illuminating and, to many perhaps, unexpected.

What has surprised many readers is how much policy has actually been made; so often Labour is accused of Blur-ism. The charge has stuck, however, because there are still so many critical details to be inserted. As the outlines of Labour's less contentious policies sharpen, the gaps stand out more glaringly.

At some point between now and the next election, Mr Blair will have to solve the West Lothian question, suggest a structure for personal taxation, fix a minimum wage, set a level for public spending and decide whether to drop Britain's veto in Europe on social issues. The question is: at what stage should these details emerge?

Some of them are genuinely not yet decided. Labour still has not found a formula for devolution. On the others, there is an official Labour line and a real Labour line. Officially Labour argues that to reveal its most sensitive policy details now would lay them open to Tory distortion. In reality the silence is a delaying tactic. Labour leaders are determined first to sail peacefully through this autumn's party conference and Shadow Cabinet elections; then they can make *ex cathedra* announcements about the most contentious parts of the party platform; and after that Mr Blair can more safely hold his referendum of party members on the manifesto.

To understand this plan, it is important to distinguish between different layers of the Labour Party. The Shadow Cabinet is only about a third Blairite but at least, theoretically, it is bound by collective responsibility. The parliamentary Labour Party also has Blairites in the minority. Fewer than half the activists and trade unionists who attend conference are converted to their leaders' way of thinking. Mr Blair's only certain majority is among party members in the country, who are solidly behind him, and should demonstrate their support in the referendum. That is why he is going over the heads of MPs and activists to cement his programme.

Mr Blair will naturally have fears about the alarm his intended personal tax rates could arouse in voters. What is probably closer to his mind is the way in which they will infuriate members of his own party.

His silence, however, has enabled Tories to claim that Labour has a hidden agenda. The longer that he keeps his key policy decisions hidden, the more damage that charge will bring. If Mr Blair were to announce now that he would not introduce a top tax rate of more than, say, 50 per cent and that it would not bite before, say, £50,000 or £100,000, many voters who are currently apprehensive would be reassured and others would at least know where they stood. Similarly, he could posit the maximum level of the minimum wage and the approximate level of public spending that would be needed to achieve his aims. The pressure that is already on the Tories to be more concrete in their spending and tax plans would then increase.

Mr Blair has presumably calculated that he would prefer to be attacked by Conservatives than by his own party. More than anything else, he needs to retain the semblance of unity. But this stance also makes him look as if he has something to hide from the voters, when in fact those who are being most deliberately kept in the dark are his activists, parliamentary colleagues and paymasters.

# NUCLEAR TRUTHS

## Time to tackle nuclear pollution with the urgency it merits

This evening President Clinton, John Major and the other Group of Seven leaders will sit down with President Yeltsin at a Kremlin banquet. It is the start of an extraordinary summit to deal with the consequence of the world's worst technological catastrophe, ten years ago in Chernobyl. They are there because the wily Russian leader, anticipating a valuable boost to his re-election campaign, last year extended an invitation that they could not refuse. But even if the the pictures assist Mr Yeltsin's return to the Kremlin in June, the discussions will offer him no free ride. Nor should they.

At issue is not only Western help with nuclear decommissioning but the appalling safety record, technological blundering and obsessive secrecy that have hindered all efforts to make Russia's nuclear submarines and power stations safe. In Russia, the world now faces nuclear perils potentially thousands of times more deadly than the radioactive aftermath of the Chernobyl meltdown in Ukraine a decade ago.

It is now more than three years since the West promised substantial help to close the remaining three reactors at Chernobyl and make safe other antiquated graphite-moderated reactors. So far Russia has seen little of the $1 billion promised, and Ukraine is still waiting for most of the $3 billion pledged to renew the crumbling Chernobyl sarcophagus and develop new sources of energy. Experts, Russian and Western, identified the most unstable plants long ago. Too much European Union aid has been gone to expensive Western consultants, rather than actual salvage work by Russian and Ukrainian nuclear technicians and scientists.

The most valuable aid to overall nuclear safety has come from America, which has focused not on power generation but on disposing of the Soviet nuclear arsenal. Since 1992, the US has committed over $1.5 billion to transport, store and dismantle nuclear weapons, while buying up highly enriched uranium from Kazakhstan and committing itself to the further purchase of 500 tonnes from Russia over the next 20 years.

In return for more effectively targeted assistance, the West is entitled to demand a minimum of co-operation and responsibility from Moscow. That has not been forthcoming. The negligence and indifference of Russian officials is breathtaking. Villagers have found waste radioactive material dumped in woods and fields. Highly enriched uranium is stored in warehouses bolted only with padlocks. Records of nuclear holdings have gone missing, and officials have been caught smuggling nuclear material to unsavoury regimes willing to pay the price. The most disturbing statistics of all are in the Kola peninsula, home to Russia's most unstable reactor, where waste from ageing nuclear icebreakers and 70 decommissioned submarines is being stored in leaking containers, disused boats or simply dumped at sea. The total fissile material around Murmansk is estimated to be more than a thousand times the yield of the largest French nuclear test at Mururoa.

Mr Yeltsin knows he needs help; Western leaders know they must spend up to £20 billion to reduce the threat to manageable levels. Yet the Russian leader has done too little to persuade a secretive military to come clean with the facts — let alone to drop the outrageous spying charges against Aleksandr Nikitin, an environmental investigator who uncovered serious official misconduct. The West, in turn, could do far more to persuade taxpayers of the urgency of the threat. Faced with a dozen more Chernobyls and other nuclear pollution, the world cannot afford half-measures and delay.

# A YEAR IN OKLAHOMA

## Terrorism's aftermath has been handled with care

On April 19, 1995, an enormous explosion ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City killing 168 people. The scenes amid the carnage, especially the plight of the 19 children who died in the day centre, remain haunting. The obvious shock this outrage caused in the United States, and beyond, was compounded for Americans by the discovery that the accused were not of sinister foreign extraction but came from within. No precedent existed for such home-grown terrorism, and the incident brought to public attention a network of citizens, loosely organised around the various militia movements, apparently willing to take revenge against, as they saw it, an overmighty and intrusive federal Government.

Such incidents are too often the harbingers of hysteria and reaction. That threatened to be the case also for the Oklahoma bombing. The arrival of indiscriminate violence on this scale prompted public figures, including the President, to argue that national life could never be the same again. As the United States marks this sombre anniversary, it should be noted that, so far, grief has not been translated into a misguided backlash. Interest and concern about the armed antagonism of some groups remains high, as witnessed by the present bizarre stand-off between the FBI and a set of self-styled Freemen in Montana. The trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols will certainly strain emotions. Public and political actions, however, have been dignified and proportionate and are set to remain so.

This week Congress finalised work on anti-terrorism legislation that will be sent to the President today. It was originally conceived in response to the 1993 attack on the World Trade Centre, and there were calls for the addition of tough provisions to counter the threat that Oklahoma appeared to represent. These would have been easy for elected officials to endorse. Instead, what has emerged is a reasonable and balanced package that strengthens the capacity of intelligence services without the drastic restrictions on individual liberties — such as a vast extension of federal wire-tapping operations and a substantially enhanced role for the military — that some had suggested. An unusual alliance of civil libertarian Democrats and Republicans blocked proposals that would have stoked rather than subdued fears about the powers of Washington. The United States Constitution has not been another victim of the blast.

Oklahoma City will stop in silence at 9.02 am local time and remain quiet for 168 seconds. The names of the dead will then be read aloud at ten-second intervals. It will be an intensely difficult day for many there and across the United States. But, by its measured response, the country is entitled to some pride to set against the pain.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Army's regret for the Cyprus killing

*From the Minister of State for the Armed Forces*

Sir, In his powerful and unequivocal letter to *The Times* (April 3) General Sir Michael Rose, the Adjutant General, made plain the great sense of shame and deep regret felt by the British Army over the savage and despicable killing of Louise Jensen by three British soldiers. We all share in the agony which will be felt by Miss Jensen's parents (report and leading article, April 17).

Most service personnel behave in a supremely disciplined manner, and there is no question of violent behaviour being tolerated within the military ethos. I attach the highest priority to ensuring that standards of discipline and behaviour across the three Services are maintained at an exemplary level.

Military personnel are instilled with a fierce sense of justice and discipline. There is no place in the Services for those involved in crimes of violence. Any instance of indiscipline will be treated with the utmost severity; we will not tolerate anything less than the highest possible standards of behaviour.

I offer to Miss Jensen's grieving parents, family and friends, on behalf of the Government and all British Forces, my heartfelt sympathy and regret.

I remain your obedient servant,
NICHOLAS SOAMES,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building, Whitehall, SW1.
April 17.

*From Mr Peter Almond*

Sir, I am sure Mr Jim Davidson (letter, April 16) means well when he attempts to defend Brigadier Arthur Denaro's comment that the trial of three British soldiers in Cyprus was a trial of three individuals, not of the British Army. Mr Davidson's long commitment to support of troops in the field is remarkable and much appreciated.

But the fact is that soldiers *are* representative of the British Army, both on and off duty. They signed away their individual rights when they joined and can be ordered to battle — and to die — at any time of the Government's choosing; "Government Issue", as the Americans used to say.

This applies to bad soldiers as well as good, and the Army cannot bask in the reflected glory of good activities done privately by soldiers and then disown their bad deeds. This "ownership" of soldiers is what makes the Forces different from civilian society and is something which many people out of uniform — and some in uniform — do not appear to fully understand.

I accept that there is pressure from the courts and elsewhere in society to apply civilian standards to the Services, and this is what may be causing Brigadier Denaro and other senior commanders to be confused about their control of off-duty soldiers. Soldiers are, and should be, reflective of the larger British society they represent; but society also expects them to hold to higher standards.

If this is lacking it may be that senior commanders need to examine the structure of supervision by senior non-commissioned officers and junior officers. The former have suffered heavily in manning cuts. The latter may need to pay closer attention to the American model, where junior officers are much closer to their men.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. ALMOND,
36 Heathside,
Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.
April 16.

## Flick endowment

*From Mrs Anneliese Berry*

Sir, With reference to Oxford University's agreement to return the £350,000 Flick endowment to Balliol College (report, April 16) I wonder how many fortunes were made by British industrialists using slave labour in the West Indies, South Africa and indeed in this country and elsewhere, which were subsequently offered as "noble" endowments or foundations. I'm afraid I find the "holier than thou" attitude a little nauseating.

As for the money, may I suggest that Dr Gert-Rudolph Flick uses it to provide holidays and rehabilitation for some of the physically and mentally scarred children from former Yugoslavia.

Yours faithfully,
A. BERRY,
83 Oakley Park, Bexley, Kent.
April 16.

## Railtrack offer

*From Mr Harvey Cole*

Sir, It appears that the directors of Railtrack will not be offered lavish share options when it is privatised. That is something of an improvement on previous sell-offs.

However, they will qualify for bonus payments of up to 40 per cent for meeting "corporate and individual performance targets". This is odd. One would have thought that meeting such standards should be the minimum that was required of them.

Are employees of all rail operations to be similarly rewarded if they drive the number of trains allocated to them or punch the planned total of tickets each year? And if not, why not?

Yours &c,
HARVEY COLE,
9 Cifton Road,
Winchester, Hampshire.

## Continuing threat to Bosnian peace

*From the President and Chief Executive of the International Crisis Group*

Sir, The news that the 50-nation Bosnia aid-pledging meeting in Brussels (report, April 15) has elicited some $1.2 billion (£800 million) towards the reconstruction of that war-torn country is, on the face of it, encouraging.

I returned on April 13 from a visit to Bosnia where the International Crisis Group (ICG) is engaged on a project to monitor the implementation of the civilian elements of the Dayton peace agreement. This agreement and the presence of Implementation Force troops under Nato command have brought a halt to the fighting in Bosnia. Life in the country is beginning to resume a semblance of normality.

But the Dayton agreement aspires to build a *lasting* peace. Its civilian elements lay the ground for democratic elections, for repatriation of refugees and displaced persons, restoration of human rights and reconstruction of the country. There is, however, little evidence of progress on any of these fronts.

A grave obstacle to progress is the apparent inability of the war crimes tribunal to act decisively. It is common knowledge who has been indicted and should be brought to justice: their names, photographs, even their addresses, are available on lists in Sarajevo and elsewhere.

By failing to bring indicted criminals to justice in advance of the forthcoming elections, the tribunal will, in effect, confer democratic respectability on these individuals and their political parties which have changed little since the outbreak of war.

The tribunal's mandate requires it to "contribute to the restoration and maintenance of peace". It would be unforgivable — and a tragic irony — if failure now on the part of Nato governments to support the tribunal in fulfilling its mandate served to reinforce the power bases of many of those who bear responsibility for the war — the very war which the Dayton peace agreement helped bring to an end.

Unless action is taken very soon, the $1.2 billion pledged in Brussels will be spent on bolstering an ethnically cleansed, insecure and partitioned Bosnia.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
President and Chief Executive,
International Crisis Group,
3 Catherine Place, SW1.
April 15.

## Drug traffic and future of Gibraltar

*From the Ambassador of Spain*

Sir, Your leading article today, "Rock solid", is entirely right at least on one point: Spain has consistently ignored the provisions of the Treaty of Utrecht which stated that

> ... the town and castle of Gibraltar, together with the port, fortifications and forts thereunto belonging ... be yielded to Great Britain without any territorial jurisdiction and without any open communication by land with the country round about.

Your reminder is particularly well timed now, when the Spanish authorities have to deal again with persistent drug-trafficking from the colony. Spain does not accept, as your leader alleges, that there have been "considerable advances" by the administration on the Rock in the fight against smuggling.

Since current licencing procedures for speedboats were introduced in July, 10.5 tonnes of hashish coming from Gibraltar vessels have been seized by Spanish customs officials. Over this period, 51 drug-smuggling runs from the colony have been reported. In 12 of these cases the smuggling operations were carried out by speedboats which were thought to have been confiscated.

Those who hailed the measures introduced in July last year as the solution for this problem were wrong. Boats still remain at the disposal of smugglers.

The conspiracy theory that Spain uses the excuse of drugs trafficking to put diplomatic pressure on Gibraltar cannot be revived each time Spain demands the full commitment of Britain to solving this serious problem. Drug smugglers should not be honoured with so significant a role in the preservation of the colony's current status.

Yours etc,
ALBERTO AZA,
Embassy of Spain,
24 Belgrave Square, SW1.
April 12.

*From General Sir William Jackson*

Sir, I congratulate you on your well balanced leader. The unhappy Gibraltar situation is entirely of Spain's own making. No Spanish Government has had the courage to accept that the Gibraltarians are a people in their own right. The Rock is their home and is not up for grabs.

When the Treaty of Utrecht was signed in 1713, giving "first refusal" to Spain, there was no third party involved, since the Gibraltarians did not exist. In the three centuries since then they have bred, prospered and often suffered great hardship. They are neither Spanish nor people of the United Kingdom but in their blood are the genes of both races and of other Mediterranean people.

The Rock is neither Britain's to give away, nor Spain's to acquire: it belongs to the Gibraltarians. If it had not been for Spanish intransigence, Gibraltar would have been granted her independence long ago. Gibraltarians have, however, no desire to exchange British paternalism for Spanish colonialism.

Britain supported Spain's entry into the EC and Nato on the over-sanguine assumption that she would treat Gibraltar as a fellow EU member state. This was a grave error of judgment for which the Rock has paid dearly. Spain uses EU membership to increase her harassment of the Rock.

Is it not time for HMG to make amends by taking firmer action to persuade our European partners of the injustice of Spanish policy, despite the additional damage that might be done to Anglo-Spanish relations, which are already mired by the fishing dispute?

Yours faithfully,
BILL JACKSON
(Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Gibraltar, 1978-82),
West Stowell Place,
Oare, Marlborough, Wiltshire.
April 14.

## Youth and the Church

*From Mr William E. Bridge*

Sir, Your excellent leading article of April 11, "The empty pew" [see also letters, April 17], diagnosed correctly the fundamental problem within the Church by its departure from the Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible. The liturgy in the Alternative Service Book, with its numerous permutations, makes common prayer impossible and scripture readings almost a lucky dip.

No longer are children taught the creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, let alone in a common format. All are as relevant for today as they have always been.

It is time to call a halt to modern diversions: for all bishops and priests to return to their fundamental duties of instructing with diligence those committed to their charge in Holy Scripture, to minister the doctrine and sacraments as God commanded and with which the Church has entrusted them.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM E. BRIDGE,
175 Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent.
April 11.

*From the Reverend Ronald Fraser Yule*

Sir, We Scots, unlike the English, are not drawn to God by the "incomparable beauty of the King James Bible" but by the revelation of God as communicated through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This constant harping back to outdated language, which serves only as a crutch for yesterday's expression of belief and doctrine, is the true barrier to any young or thinking person's search for meaningful religious faith.

Yours sincerely,
RONALD FRASER YULE,
15 Victoria Street,
Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.
April 11.

*From Mr Stephen Wood*

Sir, Your leader recommends a return to the form and language of the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer in order to attract back lost worshippers and a new generation of young people.

Would *The Times* expect to remove all illustrations, replace news on the front page with classified advertising and return to hot-metal printing in order to attract more readers?

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN WOOD,
8 Medlar Close,
Bredgar,
Sittingbourne, Kent.
April 15.

## Treasure hunters

*From Mr Dennis Jordan*

Sir, Treasure hunters may well have met with National Heritage officials (report, April 15) but the meeting I attended on that date was between officials of the Department of National Heritage and the National Council for Metal Detecting.

Undoubtedly, there are treasure hunters (a legitimate practice) within our membership; however, our meeting was the latest in a series of attempts to reconcile divergent interests concerning the protection of the heritage of England and Wales.

Sir Anthony Grant's treasure Bill, if successful, will apply to all persons intentionally searching for, or casually finding, material designated as treasure.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS JORDAN
(President, National Council
for Metal Detecting),
3 Chapel Close,
Pulham Market, Norfolk.
April 17.

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**Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.**

## Seconds out for an opera duel

*From Mr Antony Pristavec*

Sir, I was interested to read the "correspondence" between your opera critic, Rodney Milnes, and Raymond Gubbay, the impresario (Arts, April 12), about how far promoters should go in attempting to produce "opera for the masses". I believe both have valid points to make; however, if I had to decide which to support, it would probably be my fellow arts manager.

Mr Gubbay rightly suggests that questions should be asked about the ludicrous situation in which the Royal Opera finds itself. How can the company justify the appalling waste of public money which we are witnessing in regard to its proposed closure of Covent Garden?

The company may point to the fact that the money allocated for the project development comes from the National Lottery and other non-Arts Council sources; but surely the whole existence of the Royal Opera is solely down to the taxpayer. Without this funding the company would simply not exist.

This, however, is not the case with Mr Gubbay's organisation. Receiving no public funding, he decided to take the risk of staging *La Bohème* at the Royal Albert Hall.

As an opera-lover, who has been attending performances for over thirty years, I went along to see for myself — having already heard and read the damning criticisms of Mr Milnes and his colleagues before the opening night. I was certainly not offended by what I saw or heard and was, in fact, approving of the result and very glad that the risk was taken.

No doubt the dialogue will continue. The public do not need critics to tell it what it should, or should not, see and hear. Audiences will make clear their opinions by coming back for more or by staying away. We need only wait until Mr Gubbay's next outing to the Royal Albert Hall for the answer. I have a suspicion that Mr Gubbay will win the day.

Yours sincerely,
TONY PRISTAVEC
(Director, Antony Pristavec,
Artist and Concert Management),
79 Norbury Crescent, SW16.
April 12.

*From Sir John Burgh*

Sir, Long may commercial and subsidised opera flourish and jointly encourage and nourish ever larger audiences for, to quote your leader "Duets and duels" (April 12), "the empress of arts, bringing music, drama and design together in one exquisite fusion". But they won't if huge sums are spent on promoting the same operas in the same places at the same time.

The National Opera Co-ordinating Committee, which I chair, tries hard to avoid this. It is composed of the subsidised companies and representatives of some concert-hall venues which stage opera.

We need Mr Raymond Gubbay to join hands with us to ensure that both commercial and subsidised opera will thrive and the public, our patrons, obtain the maximum enjoyment from a well planned repertory covering the country.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BURGH
(President),
Trinity College, Oxford.
April 15.

## Boos at the Garden

*From Dr J. C. Green*

Sir, Mr Nicholas Albery (letter, April 12) is quite wrong in thinking that all those who object to his brother's production of *Nabucco* at Covent Garden necessarily dislike anything new. This is certainly not the case.

What one takes exception to is the intrusion of the more bizarre excesses of the production team between the performers and the audience. The design and production should, after all, complement the performance. If, during some of the musically more moving and profound moments of the opera, the audience is reduced to laughter, as happened at the performance I attended, then I judge that production to have failed.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. GREEN,
15 Hedingham Gardens,
Plymouth, Devon.
April 12.

## Bill of Rights

*From Mr Paul Shepheard*

Sir, The idea of a Bill of Rights is not to protect people from government, but to protect individuals from the majority: whom the Government represents. Like J. A. Davis (letter, April 12) I prefer democracy; but I recognise that the majority is not always right.

Yours,
PAUL SHEPHEARD,
22 York Rise, NW5.
April 13.

## To suit all tastes

*From Mr Nigel Cory*

Sir, Presumably the plastic products to be made from potato starch (report, April 10) will include microchips.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL CORY,
31 The Crescent,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
April 10.

# COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 18: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon gave a Luncheon at Frogmore House, Windsor Home Park.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 18: The Prince Edward, Trustee and Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, continued his tour of Kyoto.

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Kiyomizu Temple, the Heian Shrine and Nijo Castle before attending a Luncheon in the Princess Hotel given by the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and the Kyoto Soroptimists.

The Prince Edward this afternoon visited the Museum of Kyoto before travelling to Osaka to attend the Suiboku Art Exhibition at Quo Vadis Fanikusu Tower.

His Royal Highness later travelled to Tokushima, Shikoku, and attended a Reception and Dinner in support of the Award at the Prince Hotel.

April 18: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning attended the Second Welfare Symposium at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1. Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, this afternoon received Major General John Macdonald upon relinquishing his appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant and Major General Colin Carrington upon assuming the appointment.

The Princess Royal, Patron, International Health Exchange, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Royal College of Nursing, Cavendish Square, London W1.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Honourable Artillery Company's Annual Dinner at Armoury House, City Road, London EC1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 18: Lieutenant-Colonel James Arkell today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer. Lieutenant-Colonel David Bone also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of The Royal Yeomanry.
KENSINGTON PALACE
April 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon visited Northern Ireland and was received on arrival by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr Malcolm Moss, MP).

Her Royal Highness proceeded to Ballymena, where she was received by Colonel James Leslie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim), and opened the Ballymena Children's Centre, Rona Gardens, Ballykeel.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon continued to Hillsborough Castle where she was received by the Lord-Lieutenant of County Down (Colonel William Brownlow), and attended a Reception for the supporters and staff of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

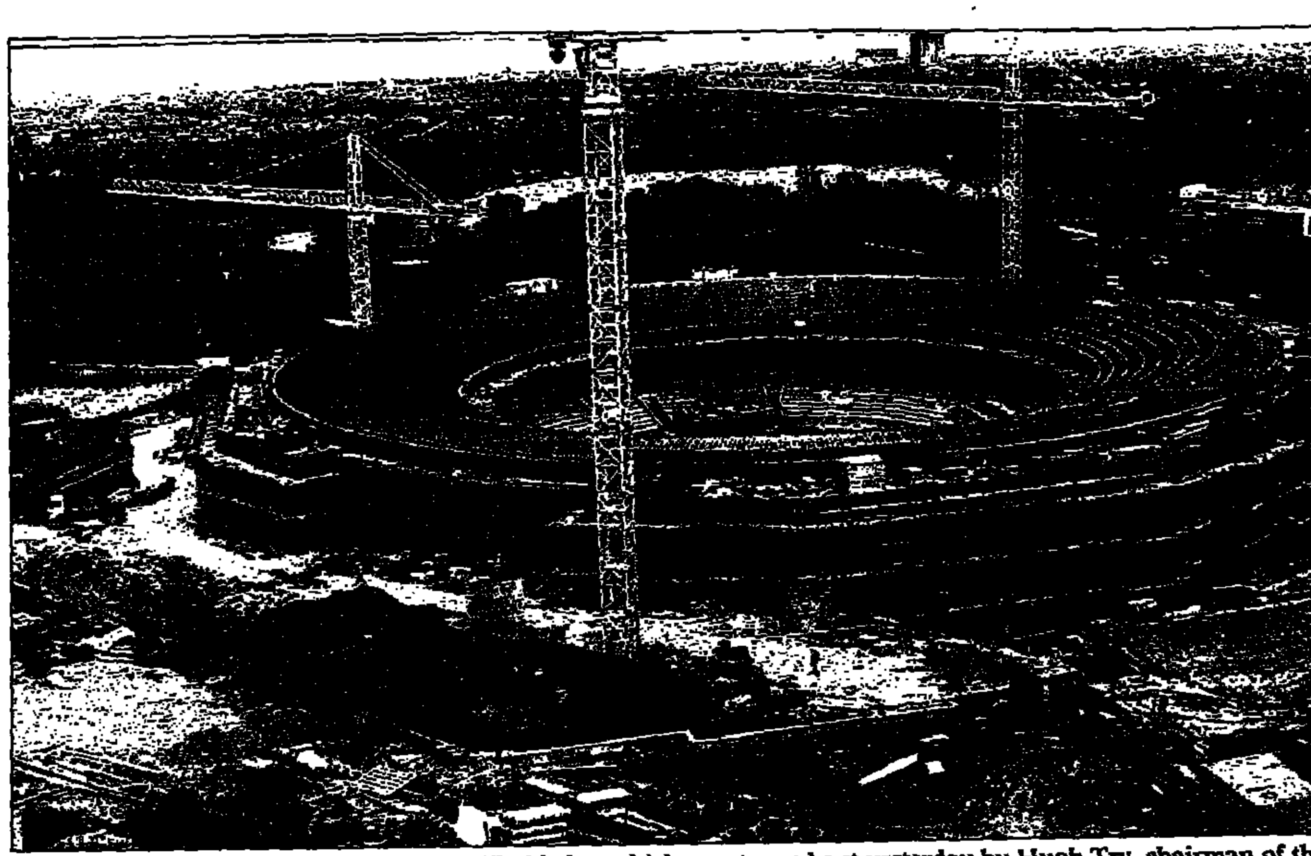
April 13: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, this afternoon received Major General John MacDonald on relinquishing the appointment of Representative Colonel Commandant and Major General Colin Carrington on assuming the appointment.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Bliss (Baby Life Support Systems), this afternoon visited 17-21 Emerald Street, London WC1. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign, accompanied by The Duke of Gloucester, attended a Musical Evening at the Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, London EC4.

YORK HOUSE
April 18: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference (United Kingdom Fund), this morning attended the Annual Trustees Meeting, Norwich Union House, Fenchurch Street, London EC3.
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 18: Princess Alexandra, President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon visited the ICRF Cancer Medicine Research Unit at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a performance of *Carmen* at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

MICHAEL POWELL



Taking shape: the new No 1 Court at Wimbledon which was topped-out yesterday by Hugh Try, chairman of the contractors, and John Curry, chairman of the All England Club. The new court, seating about 11,000 fans, will open in time for next year's championships

## Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Marshal of the RAF, will attend a dinner at Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, at 7.30 in honour of those who fought in Bomber Command in the Second World War.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Strathclyde Knitwear, 30 Ballot Road, Irvine, Ayrshire, at 11.40; and will visit Ayr Racecourse to open The Princess Royal Stand at 12.45.

The Duke of Kent, as President-in-Chief of the British Racing Drivers' Club, will visit Benetton Formula One, Whiteways Technical Centre, Enstone, Oxfordshire, at 10.30; and, as President of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will attend a dinner at the Officers' Mess, Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, at 7.25.

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Dr Anthony Toft to be a Physician to Her Majesty in Scotland in succession to Professor Alexander Muir.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Paul Hunt to be a Priest in Ordinary to Her Majesty.

## Luncheon

**Institute of United States Studies**
Lord Wakeham was the speaker at a luncheon of the Institute of United States Studies held yesterday at the Royal Institute of British Architects. Professor Gary McDowell, Director of the IUSS, was in the chair. Professor Robert M. Worcester also spoke. Among those present were:
Sir David Nicholas, Mr John O'Sullivan, Mr Geoffrey Goodman, Mr Martyn Lewis, Mr Donald Trelford, Mr Peter Preston, Mr Roger Mudd and Michael O'Brien.

# Dinners

**HM Government**
Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for the UK-Korea Forum for the Future.

**Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company**
The American Ambassador and Mrs Crowe were the principal guests at a dinner of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company held last night at Skinners' Hall. Mr W.G.H. Fuller, Master, and Mrs Fuller received the guests. The Ambassador, the Master and Mr Nicholas Ward were the speakers.

**Company of Chartered Accountants**
Mr J.M. Renshall, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, presented cheques to the winners of the 1996 charitable project of the company at the spring livery dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall.

The major award was presented to The Bridge Trust and other awards went to ICARE Day Centre Trust and Asclepion. Presentations were also made to Miss Lynn Anthony, Mr Peter Turner, Miss Anita Chu and Mr Richard Gawn, who have achieved excellence in their studies and examinations. Mr W.S.C. Richards, Senior Warden, Mrs Justice Arden and Mr Ian Byatt also spoke. Among others present were:
The Masters of the Actuaries' and Information Technologists' Companies and the Masters of the Guild of Management Consultants and the Welsh Livery Guild, Mr Anthony Hilton, Mr Roger Salmon, Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC, and Mr Andrew Colquhoun.

**All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club**
Mr John Curry, Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Institute of Directors. Mr John Barrett and Sir Paul Fox were the speakers.

**Society of Chemical Industry**
Dr Alan Hayes, President of the Society of Chemical Industry, presided at the Centenary Medal Award dinner held last night at the Hotel Intercontinental, and presented the Centenary medal to Dr Robin Paul, Chief Executive of Albright and Wilson.

**The Institution of Civil Engineers**
The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers was held last night at Grosvenor House. The President, Professor Tony Ridley, welcomed the principal guest, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, who proposed the toast to the Institution. Mrs Sara Parkin replied on behalf of the guests. Among those present were:
Mr A.U.M. Dube, the High Commissioner for Botswana, Dr A.A. Shareef, the High Commissioner for Tanzania, Dr N.T. Chideya, the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey and Mr Robert Jones, MP.

**Old Sedberghian Club**
Lord Shaw of Northstead presided at a dinner of the Old Sedberghian Club (London section) held on April 17 at the RAC Club, Pall Mall. Mr Ian Durrans proposed the toast to the school and the Headmaster. Mr Christopher Hirst replied. 100 guests were present.

## Reception

**Mrs John Major**
Mrs John Major was the host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street on behalf of the Stepping Stone Appeal.

## Service dinner

**HAC**
The Princess Royal attended a St George's dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. General Sir Michael Wilkes presided. The Bishop of London, Colonel Graeme Gilchrist and the Canadian High Commissioner also spoke.

## Service luncheon

**The King's African Rifles**
Colonel Adrian Rouse presided at the annual luncheon of former officers of the 4th (Uganda) Battalion The King's African Rifles (The Uganda Rifles) and their ladies held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club.

## Supper

**Franco-British Society**
Lord Strabolgi, a Vice-President of the Franco-British Society, presided at the annual meeting and supper held last night at the RAF Club. Judge David Edward, of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, was the guest speaker and Sir John Fretwell, chairman of the society, delivered the annual report.

During the evening Professor Douglas Johnson presented the society's 1995 Enid McLeod literary prize to Miss Gillian Tindall for *Celestine: Voices from a French Village.*

## Appointment

Mr Ivor Roberts, chargé d'affaires at Belgrade since March 1994, to be Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

## Memorial service

**The Hon Honor Earl**
A memorial service for the Hon Honor Earl, portrait painter, was held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street. The Rev Derek Watson officated, assisted by Canon Anthony Harvey, of Westminster Abbey, officiated.

Mr Justin Earl, grandson, read the lesson and Mr Austin Earl, grandson, read Tennyson's *Crossing the Bar*. Mrs Cordelia Earl Uys and Mr Sebastian Earl, grandchildren, paid tribute. Baroness Brigstocke gave an address. Among others present were:
Mr Stephen Earl (son), Mrs Phyllis Earl (daughter-in-law), Mr Eugene Uys (grandson-in-law), Rupert Earl and Theo and Fabian Uys (great grandchildren), the Hon Mrs Marr-Johnson (sister), Judge Frederick Marr-Johnson, Mr Simon Marr-Johnson, Mr William Marr-Johnson, Mr Tom Marr-Johnson, Miss Rachel Marr-Johnson, Mr Prosper Marr-Johnson, Miss Romilly Marr-Johnson, Mr and Mrs Amcotts Wilson, Lady Glendevon, Mr Nicolas Paravicini, Lord Glendevon, the Hon Jonathan Hope, Mr Charles Paravicini, Miss Elizabeth-Ann Paravicini, Mr Neal Ascherson, Miss Renée Ascherson, Mme Pamela Rachet, Mr and Mrs Mark Romer, Mr Iain Romer, Mrs Ann Channing, Aleid Channing, Major and Mrs Mark Romer.
The Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Sir Paul Wright, Mrs Lena Wickman, Miss Sue Lawley, Miss Adrienne Corri, Mr Piers Dixon and Major and Mrs R P A de Bernière-Smart.

## Lecture

**Royal Society**
Dr Tomas Lindahl, FRS, Deputy Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, delivered the Royal Society Croonian Lecture last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Aaron Klug, OM, FRS, president, was in the chair.

## Shipwrights' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year:
Prime Warden, Mr John G.M. Hart; Renter Warden, Mr James G. Freeland; Third Warden, the Earl of Inchcape; Fourth Warden, Mr Peter C. Tudball; Fifth Warden, Dr T. John Parker.

## Institute of Biology

The following have been elected as Fellows and may use the designatory letters CBiol FIBiol:
Professor Leonard Archard, Professor Alastair Burt, Professor Nasser Chegini, Dr Christopher Davis, Dr Timothy Doel, Dr David Eichler, Dr William Enright, Dr William Erskine, Mrs Jennifer Gee, Ms Melody Greenwood, Dr Dennis Hill, Dr Roderick Hunt, Dr Glyn James, Dr Winston King, Mr Brian Rafferty, Mr Edwin Smith, Dr Janet Thomas, Dr Susan Tunnicliffe, Dr Raymond Williams, Dr John Witcombe.
Call 0171 581 8333 for information on membership.

## Legal appointment

Mr David Wyn Radford to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

# School news

**Abbot's Hill School**
Abbot's Hill School term begins on Monday, April 22, 1996. The Old Girls' Reunion is at 2pm on Saturday, May 11, 1996. All Old Girls and their families are most welcome.

**New Hall School, Chelmsford**
Former pupils, their parents and former staff are invited with their families to a special reunion at New Hall School on May 19, 1996, to celebrate Sister Margaret Mary's 10 years as Headmistress. Details and tickets from Mrs Jacobs, Tel 01245 467588.

**Queen Margaret's School, York**
Summer Term began yesterday and ends with Speech Day on July 6. A dinner to mark the tenth anniversary of the transformation of Queen Margaret's School to a Limited Company will take place on April 27. The Choral Society and Orchestra will perform Mozart's *C Minor Mass* in the College of Ripon & York St John on April 28. The Junior Summer Concert is on June 30 and Sports Day on July 3. The guest speaker at Speech Day will be Ms Mary Portas.

**Queenswood School**
The Summer Term at Queenswood begins on Sunday, April 21, with Sally Smith as Head Girl and Pascale Perry as Deputy Head Girl. The official opening of the Queenswood/LTA Tennis Centre will take place on Saturday, April 27. Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 11, at 10.45am, the service being conducted by the Bishop of Hertford and the Rev G. Rogers. The Queenswood Ball, to mark the retirement in August of Mrs Audrey Butler as Headmistress, will be held on Friday, June 28; further details are available from the school. Speech Day is on Saturday, July 6, with Lady Tugendhat as guest speaker.

# Anniversaries

BIRTHS:
David Ricardo, economist, London, 1772; Christian Ehrenberg, biologist and explorer, Delitzsch, Germany, 1795; Lucien Lévy-Bruhl, philosopher, Paris, 1857; Getulio Vargas, President of Brazil 1930-45 and 1951-54, São Borja, 1883; Herbert Wilcox, film producer, Cork, 1890; Richard Hughes, novelist, Weybridge, Surrey, 1900; Jim Mollison, aviator, Glasgow, 1905.
DEATHS:
Robert II, King of Scotland 1371-90, Dundonald, Ayrshire, 1390; Philipp Melanchthon, theologian, Wittenberg, 1560; Paolo Veronese, painter, Verona, 1588; Thomas Sackville, 1st Earl of Dorset, poet and statesman, London, 1608; Queen Christina of Sweden, reigned 1644-54, Rome, 1689; Nicholas Saunderson, mathematician, Boxworth, Cambridgeshire, 1739; George Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron, poet, Missolonghi, Greece, 1824; Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, Prime Minister 1868 and 1874-80, London, 1881; Charles Darwin, naturalist, Down, Kent, 1882; Pierre Curie, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903, Paris, 1906; Charles Pierce, philosopher and scientist, Milford, Pennsylvania, 1914; Hugo Winkler, archaeologist, Berlin, 1913; Sir Squire Bancroft, actor-manager, London, 1926; Konrad Adenauer, 1st Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Rhondorf, 1967; Daphne du Maurier, novelist, Cornwall, 1989.
The War of American Independence began with the defeat of the British at Lexington, 1775.
Prince Rainier of Monaco married American actress Grace Kelly, 1956
The Soviet Union launched the Salyut space station, 1971.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr S.R.G. Althaus and Miss J.E. Macklin**
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Robin Althaus, of Marsh Benham, Newbury, and Jane, twin daughter of Mr Paul Macklin, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and the late Mrs Margaret Macklin.

**Mr M.R. Edmunds and Miss H.K. Sollitt**
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr Guy Edmunds, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Mrs Joanna Edmunds, of Collingtree, Northampton, and Heidi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Sollitt, of Thaxted, Essex.

**Mr J.T.H. Farrell and Miss C.D.J. Ford**
The engagement is announced between James Thomas Hugh, only son of Mr T.H.F. and the Hon Mrs Farrell, of Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Caroline Diana Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James D.N. Ford, of Jarnac, France.

**Mr J.J. Gallagher and Miss C.H. Browne**
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tom Gallagher, of Lapworth, Warwickshire, and Caroline Holly, only daughter of Mr Peter Browne and the late Mrs Brenda Browne, of Carlisle, Cumbria.

**Mr M.W. Lockhart and Miss S.H. Leaver**
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr John Lockhart and of Mrs Marcia Lockhart, of Southport, Lancashire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leaver, of Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire.

**Mr P.H. Mallinson and Miss K.A. Hayward**
The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Mallinson, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hayward, of Rockbeare, Devon.

**Mr R.N. Mançais and Miss S.H.C. O'Flaherty**
The engagement is announced between Robert Neil, eldest son of Commander A. Mançais, OBE, and Mrs B. Mançais, of Cerne Abbas, Dorset, and of the late Elizabeth Mançais, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. O'Flaherty, of Maidstone, Kent.

**Mr A. Maxwell Macdonald and Miss V. Bailey**
The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Maxwell Macdonald, of Largie, Argyll, and Vanessa, only daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs David Bailey, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

**Mr M.B. Bügel and Miss C.E. Veal**
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Bartus Bügel, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Veal, of Pershore, Worcestershire.

**Mr W.A.J. Phillimore and Miss J.S. Godden**
The engagement is announced between Justin, only son of Commander and Mrs W.H.E. Phillimore, of Beckington, Bath, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Godden, of Biddenham, Bedford.

**Mr C.J. Rapley and Miss N.M. Davico**
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Rapley, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Carlo Davico, of Hambledon, Surrey.

**Lieutenant J.J. Roose and Miss L.J. Wright**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs David Roose, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wright, of East Sheen.

**Captain E.P. Willett and Miss S.L. Morris**
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs Ma Willett, of Forres, Scotland, and the late Mr E.G. Willett, and Susannah, only daughter of the Right Hon Michael Morris, MP, and Dr Ann Morris, of Caesar's Camp, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

## Marriages

**Mr N. à Brassard and Miss A. Webster**
The marriage took place on March 16, in St Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, between Mr Nigel à Brassard, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.F. à Brassard, of Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire, and Miss Adèle Webster, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs H.D. Webster, of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Rev Lawrence Moore officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Caroline Favrot, Miss Melissa Turner, Alice and Freddie à Brassard and Adair Reidy. Mr Charles Anthony was best man.

A reception was held at the Pavilion of Two Sisters, New Orleans, and the honeymoon was spent in French Polynesia.

**Mr D.C. Fishburn and Mrs R.A. Mallinson**
The marriage took place on April 4, 1996, in London, of Mr Dale Fishburn to Mrs Rosalind Mallinson, née Hoare.

## Birthdays today

The Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, 55; Mr William Baillie, president, Royal Scottish Academy, 73; the Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Nuncio, 74; Miss Sue Barker, tennis player and sports commentator, 40; Mr Dickie Bird, cricket umpire, 63; Mr Antonio Carluccio, restaurateur, 59; Mr Algy Cluff, chairman, Cluff Resources, 56; Mr Adrian Coles, director-general, Building Societies Association, 42; Mr Tim Curry, actor, 50; Mr Glyn England, director, The Wind Fund, 75; Mr Trevor Francis, footballer, 42; Dr Norman Godman, MP, 58; Lord Justice Henry, 65; Dr Sir John Horlock, former Vice-Chancellor, Open University, 68; Mr G.B. Inglis, former senior partner, Slaughter and May, 63.

Mrs Margo MacDonald, former MP, 53; Mr Dudley Moore, actor and composer, 61; Mr Garfield Morgan, actor, 65; Mr Murray Perahia, pianist, 49; Mr Richard Phelps, pentathlete, 35; Lord Justice Roch, 62; M Michel Roux, chef and restaurateur, 55; Mr Wilf Stevenson, director, British Film Institute, 49; the Hon Michael Trend, MP, 44; Mr John Watts, MP, 49; Miss Ruby Wax, actress and comedian, 43; Mr Andrew Welsh, MP, 52; Mr Philip Wroughton, Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, 63.

## Latest wills

*Kenneth Bent Suenson-Taylor,* **2nd Baron Grantchester of Knightsbridge**, *of Kingston Hill, Surrey, a Deputy Chairman of Committees, House of Lords, since 1988 and a Deputy Speaker since 1990, left estate valued at £2,045,158 net.*

He left £10,000 each to Christ's College, Cambridge, and Westminster School Appeal Fund, £5,000 each to the Parishes of St Andrews, Grantchester, St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale, and St Margaret's, Westminster, London, and £2,000 to the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund.

*Mrs Rose Catherine* **Wilson**, *of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, formerly of Moreton Morrell, left estate valued at £755,476 net.*

She left her jewellery, furs and trinkets to a personal legatee, and the residue of her estate, as to 3/8ths each to Battersea Dogs Home and the Animal Health Trust, and 1/8th each to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Leamington Spa Branch, and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Other estates include, net before tax:

Mrs Eileen Mary **Hollebone**, of Halesworth, Suffolk ........ £1,074,251
Mr Stanley Henry Raymond **Hornby**, of Ascot, Berkshire ........ £610,984
Mr John Heaps **Ingall**, of Kendal, Cumbria ........ £510,097
Mrs Jean Elizabeth **Kittle**, of Horning, Norfolk ........ £532,743
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### BIRTHS

**BERKMANN** - Maximilian on April 16th at The Portland Hospital to Alda and Joseph Berkmann.

**CARSLAW** - On April 17th, to Nicola (née Hayman) and Michael, a daughter, Anna, a sister for Emilia.

**COLLINS** - On 12th April 1996, to Kate (née Hogg) and Richard, a daughter, Evelyn Frances.

**HANROTT** - On 11th April 1996, to Jane Hanrott and Richard Griggs, a son, Alexander David Howard, a brother for Josephine.

**HOLLINGSWORTH** - On 15th April 1996, to Louise (née de Borman) and Tom, a son, Alexander David Stanford, a brother for Charlotte.

**JONES** - On March 4th at The Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Justyna (née Wnuk) and Matthew, a daughter, Hannah Olga.

**JUCKES** - On 11th April, to Bridget (née Finch) and William, a daughter, Alice Victoria Finch, a sister for Charlotte.

**MILLER** - On April 14th, to Robert and Carolina (née Fowlie), formerly of Glasgow, a beautiful daughter, Daisy Charlotte.

**MORGAN** - On 13th April 1996, to Angela (née Reid) and David, a daughter, Alicia Lydia.

**PADFIELD** - On 31st March 1996, to Clare and David, a beautiful daughter, Alice Jane. A great-granddaughter for Gordon and Gwen Morgan.

**RIX** - On April 16th, to Di (Bolliver) and Henry, a son, William, a brother for Oliver.

**SHIPLEY CARNT** - On April 13th, to Nicole (née Cantwell) and William, a beautiful daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth.

### DEATHS

**BRACEWELL** - Peacefully at St Wilfrid's Hospice on April 16th 1996, Cliffe Peter, much loved husband of Barbara and father of Sarah, Guy and Richard. Service Thursday April 25th at Bosham Church at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Chichester Stroke Club, c/o Edward White & Son, Funeral Directors, 5 South Pallant, Chichester (01243) 782136.

**de GROOT** - On 18th April 1996 at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, Dziuna Ruth, beloved mother of Karen and Nikki and sister of Irena. Private family funeral. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Charity.

**EBSWORTH** - G.A. Raymond on 17th April in his 85th year at Kingston Hospital. Dearly loved husband of Carol, father of Julian, Simon and Natalie and grandfather of Rebecca, Anna, David, Jonathan and Joelle. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Ham, Surrey, Monday 22nd April at 1.30 pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders & Sons, tel: (0181) 549-8967.

**FOX-HOLMES** - Peacefully on 11th April 1996, Ruth aged 87. Widow of Lt-Col. George Fox-Holmes. Funeral Service has taken place. Enquiries Dillistone F/S. (01903) 200835.

**FRASER** - Irene, on April 17th, aged 94. Wife of the late Eric Fraser and dearest mother of Geoff, Mary, Richard and the late Peter, granny of many grandchildren and great-granny. Service at St Mary's Church, Hampton on Thames, Thursday April 25th at 2 pm. All friends will be warmly welcome.

### DEATHS

**GARNETT** - On April 17th 1996, Catherine Dulcie of Wadebridge, Cornwall, beloved wife of the late James, much loved mother of John (deceased) and Ben Messer-Bennetts. Funeral St Tudy Parish Church, Monday April 22nd 3.15 pm. No flowers.

**HODSON** - Olivia Charlotte Rose, died peacefully at home on April 18th 1996, aged 2 years 8 months. Dearly loved daughter of Christiane and Alan, sister of Thomas. Livvy was a sweet, kind and very brave little girl, she was a constant source of joy throughout her short life and will always be missed. Funeral Monday 22nd April at 3 pm for all who knew her. All Saints Church, Putney. No flowers. Donations c/o Jon Pritchard, to the REACH Fund at Great Ormond Street Hospital or Cancer Research Campaign.

**JOEL** - Bertie on 17th April 1996, adored husband of Irene, loving father of Mandie, beloved grandfather of Alexander and Katie, after a long and happy life. No flowers. Donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital.

**LATTIN** - Miraid Helen suddenly at home on Monday 15th April, wife of Peter, mother of Lottie, John, Alex and Richard, daughter of Dorothy and Bewick Slack and sister of Richard. Mimi will be much missed by all who knew and loved her. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Penrith, on Tuesday 23rd April at 11 am. Funeral Directors Walkers, Tynefield House, Penrith. (01768) 866606.

### DEATHS

**LOUVAT-VAN ZWANENBERG** - Odette (Teddy). Died peacefully in her sleep in Geneva on 7th April 1996. Adored mother of Odile and Sallie. Loving friend to André and much loved by her 5 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held on 9th April in Geneva.

**McNAB** - Neil Hearne, after a short illness at Royal Surrey Hospital on April 13th 1996. Beloved husband of Sally and father of Fiona and Angus. Service at St John's Church, Churt, Surrey, on Wednesday April 24th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries, Thorne-Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon. (01420) 488896.

**POULTER** - Bill. Very suddenly at home on April 14th, aged 73. Beloved husband of Valerie. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst, on Thursday April 25th at 2.30 pm. Please no flowers, but donations payable to RNLI c/o J. Perigoe & Son, Bank Street, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3EF - tel: (01580) 713636.

**STUART-SMITH** - On April 17th, peacefully at home after a courageous fight, Laurence Merriam, aged 66. Dearly loved husband of Liz, cherished father of Caroline, William and Sara, and a much loved and respected brother, uncle and friend. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, Kent on Thursday May 9th at 3 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, payable to Heart of Kent Hospice c/o J. Perigoe & Son, Bank Street, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3EF - tel: (01580) 713636.

**TABB** - Geoffrey Asquith died peacefully aged 82 in Bath on 16th April 1996 surrounded by his loving family. All enquiries to Dolman (01225) 444110.

### DEATHS

**TWINAME** - At his home peacefully on Saturday 13th April 1996, Alexander (Alec) aged 80 years. Dearly loved husband of Hazel, father of John, stepdaughter Wendy and the late Eric. Interred at Brigham Cemetery on Wednesday 17th April.

**WILKINSON** - Miranda Anne (née Scott), aged 35. Beloved wife of Andrew Wilkinson of Hythe and mother of Araminta and Amanda. Funeral Service held at St Leonard Church, Hythe, midday Friday 19th April. Commemorative Trust tel: (0181) 675-5644/5688.

### IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

**BRIND** - Bobby (1936-1989). Tell me not here, it needs not saying.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

**LESTER** - The Memorial Service for Caroline Lester will be held in Temple Church on Thursday 9th May 1996 at 6 pm. Afterwards in Middle Temple Hall. Please note the change of date previously announced.

**SCOTT** - The memorial service for Brigadier W P Scott DSO MC will be held at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas, Chapel Street, Liverpool at 2.30 pm on Friday 17th May. Enquiries to RHQ KINGS 0151 236 6363.

**TOWER** - Brigadier Peter Tower C.B.E. A Memorial Service will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1 on Wednesday 8th May 1996 at 12 noon. Those wishing to park cars in Wellington Barracks, are asked to contact Regimental Headquarters, Coldstream Guards.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES

**BICKERTON** - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Richard will be held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, on Thursday May 9th at 11.30am. No flowers please but donations if desired for the Frazer Nash Spares Fund may be sent c/o Cotton & Sons Funeral Directors, 431 Stapleton Road, Bristol. BS5 6NA.

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# OBITUARIES

## WILLIAM EVERSON

**William K. Everson, film historian and collector, died from cancer in New York on April 14 aged 67. He was born in Yeovil on April 8, 1929.**

THERE are few film institutions around the world which have not reaped the benefit of William K. Everson's extraordinary knowledge, vast film collection and boundless generosity. To students in the Cinema Studies Department at New York University, where he taught for thirty years, he was an inspiring teacher, leading them on a path of discovery through the highways and byways of cinema, from Europe's great silent classics to some B-movie delight by a neglected master. The education continued at his Upper West Side apartment, an Aladdin's Cave of film cans, where he laid on screenings for friends and visiting scholars. Sometimes it seemed as if Everson never saw daylight at all.

He regularly shared his enthusiasms with many film cinematheques in America and Europe, such as London's National Film Theatre. Born in England, he never lost his love for all things British, its cinema included. He arranged countless film seasons, seminars and tributes, often lugging the prints by hand from the airport, and leading question-and-answer sessions with directors he particularly admired, like Michael Powell, the B-movie maestro Joseph H. Lewis, or William Witney, the serial king of Republic studios.

Everson wrote enthusiastically, too. He distilled his love for silent cinema into his invaluable book *American Silent Film* (1978), compiled useful surveys of westerns, horror and detective films (three favourite genres), and wrote key books on W. C. Fields and Laurel and Hardy. And no screening at the New School for Social Research, where he showed films for thirty years, was complete without an idiosyncratic programme note, written on possibly the last manual typewriter in New York, full of credits, comment and arcane information.

William Keith Everson was a film fanatic since early childhood: he had a distant memory of being taken by his mother in 1932 to see *The Maid of the Mountains* — a dreadful film, he later recalled. To the end, he retained a gleeful enthusiasm for the movies seen at Saturday matinees, like B westerns and serials. He was already collecting as a child, if only film magazines; and he suffered what he later called one of the big tragedies of his life when his complete run of *Boy's Cinema* got lost on the *Queen Mary* when he emigrated to the United States in 1950.

William Everson with Marilyn Monroe in 1955

By that time he had motley experience running film societies and working on the industry's fringes in this country. At the age of 14, he had left Isleworth County School to take a job in publicity with the distributors Renown Pictures. At his interview they were particularly impressed with his catchline for a Linda Darnell film: "My kind of love gives a woman the strength of ten!" But after service with the Army and a brief period as theatre manager and publicist for Monseigneur News Theatres, he realised chances for advancement in England were small compared with America, land of opportunity.

Other emigrants on arrival would go straight to a hotel. Not Bill Everson: spotting a 42nd Street marquee advertising Chaplin's *City Lights* and Sternberg's *The Scarlet Empress*, two films he had never seen, he leapt from his taxi into the cinema, leaving a friend to ferry his luggage to its destination. In 1951 he began working for Allied Artists as publicity director. Then from 1955 he worked freelance, advising on numerous television programmes, drawing upon a film collection that eventually comprised more than 3,000 features, with an equal number of shorts, serials, documentaries and two-reel comedies.

At first money for collecting was scarce. To afford *Are Parents People?*, a delicious silent comedy, he walked to work and ate 25-cent lunches at Horn and Hardart's (baked beans, topped off with a large slice of pineapple pie). The early 1950s in America was a fruitful period for film collecting. Neither studios nor television companies had discovered the value of old films, and Everson, by various means, was able to save many prints from destruction, including work by major directors such as Murnau, Griffith and Stroheim. Some of his discoveries had their first public airings at the Theodore Huff Film Society, a Mecca for the discerning film buff, which Everson helped to form in the early 1950s.

Film collectors are usually maverick creatures, uncomfortable with academia or film archives. Uniquely, Everson was able to straddle both worlds, shaping the film history course at the School of Visual Arts, teaching at the New School, and finally New York University. With his delight in spreading knowledge, Everson made a natural educator, totally unfettered by academic fashions or dogma. Everson's courses made film history come alive, and introduced American students to areas of cinema — British films, for instance — that they would never otherwise experience. His books were always informative and entertaining. The pity is that he never managed to write his planned magnum opus on the roots of film noir, a subject close to his heart.

On a superficial acquaintance, some people took Bill Everson for a "fact machine". But to those lucky enough to know him well, he was a man of untold quirks; a man entranced by the simple things of life, whether it be teddy bears, trains, feeding the ducks in St James's Park on his regular visits to London, or wolfing down apple pie drowned in custard. His eyes would light up at the prospect of watching a Deanna Durbin film for the umpteenth time, or a vehicle for the silent star Betty Bronson, maybe *Peter Pan* or *A Kiss for Cinderella*: he appreciated cinema's real ladies, and he loved charm, and often bemoaned its absence in contemporary cinema.

He also had a deliciously black streak of humour. Not for nothing did he relish the films of W. C. Fields and the director of *Frankenstein*, James Whale; and he enjoyed the perversity of a 1994 obituary in a San Francisco newspaper, which used his photo to illustrate a tribute to William Everson, the Dominican monk who declaimed erotic verse to the Beat Generation in a flowing beard and robes.

Around that time, Everson was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Helped by his devoted wife Karen, he persevered with great courage, never once complaining; and up until his last two weeks summoned every remaining morsel of energy to teach two courses at New York University, on British cinema and the films of Ernst Lubitsch and Preston Sturges.

He leaves his widow and a son and a daughter from a former marriage.

## HUGH BEGG

**Hugh Begg, publishing executive, died from an aneurysm on March 30 aged 65. He was born on January 23, 1931.**

HUGH BEGG was a founding father of *Yellow Pages* who oversaw its introduction to Britain in the 1960s and, more recently, launched similar directories in Eastern Europe. He became involved with it in this country as a senior executive in Roy Thomson's organisation. As managing director of Yellow Pages Limited he raised its annual turnover from zero to £8 million within five years.

Then in 1989, as the Iron Curtain was being torn down, that other media tycoon Robert Maxwell invited Begg to assess the potential for *Yellow Pages* in the Eastern bloc. The result was that Begg masterminded *Yellow Pages* editions in Hungary, Bulgaria and St Petersburg. The St Petersburg directory has been so successful that some regard it as his living monument — earning him the sobriquet "l'éminence jaune".

Two simple ideas underpinned Begg's huge success. In the first place he insisted that all Eastern bloc *Yellow Pages* editions should be bilingual, with an English translation beneath the local script — thus making them accessible to visiting Western businessmen and tourists.

Secondly, he kept a tight rein on the costs. In the absence of reliable source material, he mobilised military cadets and college students to comb the streets, drawing up lists of telephone subscribers for Begg's computer. They were paid in American dollars — "enough for half a pair of jeans a time" — ensuring that there was never any shortage of volunteers.

Yet for all his entrepreneurial skills, Alexander Hugh Begg had first set his heart on a naval career. Born in Malaya, he was the son of a civil engineer who was interned by the Japanese in the Second World War. His mother fled via Australia to Britain where Hugh was already at prep school.

He was clever enough to win scholarships all the way, first to St Paul's, then to Pangbourne nautical college — where he was head boy — and finally to Dartmouth. Commissioned in 1949, he volunteered for the submarine branch and served in the Mediterranean before being seconded for a year to the Australian Navy. After returning to Britain, however, Begg resigned his commission in 1956, uncertain of his long-term prospects in the Navy.

*Instead he joined the market* research department of Kemsley Newspapers, four years before the company was bought by Roy (later Lord) Thomson. By 1961 he was in charge of the group's overseas operations, responsible for negotiating radio, television and newspaper contracts throughout the Third World. He moved on to become managing director of Thomson Television (International). He maintained that Roy Thomson had taught him all he knew about the media business.

Begg left Thomson's in 1970. He moved briefly to the British Printing Corporation, then became chairman and managing director of two publishing titles, London Editions and Egmont. He left these in 1978 when they were sold.

Begg had also, by this time, become involved with a group of other businessmen in acquiring the military book publishers Brassey's — until then known mainly for its *Defence Yearbook*. It was Begg's enterprise which helped to lay the foundations for its subsequent expansion and success.

In 1979 Begg was made managing director (later chairman) of Seymour Press — concerned with the overseas distribution of British newspapers and magazines and the import to this country of French titles. Among his other achievements, he launched the fashion magazine *Elle* on this side of the Channel. It was on leaving Seymour Press that he started work on *Yellow Pages* in Eastern Europe, with which he was involved until he died. He had recently been planning a further expansion into Slovakia, Ukraine and the former Yugoslavia, to coincide with the regeneration of its industries.

Having successfully undergone open heart surgery in middle age, Begg was found last year to be suffering from an aneurysm behind an eye. He continued to work, travelling at a punishing pace around the world, but died in his sleep in a hospital in Monaco, where he had gone in the hope that a rest and some sunshine might restore his health.

Immaculately groomed, articulate and urbane, Hugh Begg was also a businessman of great energy and integrity. Some considered him too trusting and loyal for the world of commerce and thought that he might have earned more personal reward had he been more ruthless. But Begg needed to believe in the rightness of his work. In his youth he was an accomplished sportsman with a passion for cricket.

He is survived by his wife Robin, whom he met while a naval officer in Australia, and by their three daughters.

## PROFESSOR PETER ECKSTEIN

**Peter Eckstein, Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology, Birmingham University, 1971-81, died on March 19 aged 81. He was born on April 12, 1914.**

A SPECIALIST in comparative reproductive physiology and fertility control, Peter Eckstein was for ten years Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology at Birmingham University. His expertise led to invitations to assist in organising and reporting conferences on his field of study both at home and abroad. Through the agency of the World Health Organisation, he was frequently called upon to advise governments, particularly in the Indian subcontinent. His substantial list of publications included several chapters in Francis Marshall's *Physiology of Reproduction* (1952), at that time the standard medical textbook on the subject, and a number of papers published in *Acta Anatomica* and other scientific journals.

Friedrich Max Peter Eckstein was born in Berlin, the son of a surgeon. He began his medical studies in Freiburg in 1931, but, after hearing Hitler speaking at a youth rally, he decided that he would prefer to pursue his training abroad and left Germany to study first at Geneva, then Bologna, and finally at Downing College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital. As a student he excelled, winning a prize for Bacteriology. He qualified in 1941 and served as a house physician in the Guy's group of hospitals before taking up a demonstratorship in the Department of Human Anatomy at Oxford University, 1942-45.

In 1945 Eckstein was invited by Professor Solly Zuckerman to join the select group of staff destined to revitalise the Department of Anatomy at Birmingham, to the chair of which Zuckerman had been appointed before the war. Eckstein played a significant role, pursuing experimental research into the reproductive physiology of rodents and primates — principally in relation to developing methods of birth control. Much of his work was funded by the grant Zuckerman negotiated from the Ford Foundation.

Eckstein was successively appointed senior lecturer (1958), Reader (1967) and then Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology (1971) at Birmingham University. When he retired in 1981 he was the sole member of the original Zuckerman group still in the department.

In addition to his many publications, Eckstein was assistant editor, 1952-57, then editor, 1957-63, of the *Journal of Endocrinology*; associate editor of the *Journal of Reproduction and Fertility* 1964-77; and a co-editor of both editions of *The Ovary*. But, although a man of scholarly reputation and wide culture — he spoke German, French, Italian and English fluently — Eckstein carried his academic erudition lightly, and his quick sense of humour endeared him even to those irritated by his sharp eye for editorial detail.

From 1958 onwards he paid several visits to the Indian sub-continent. In 1961 he also spent a year as visiting professor of anatomy in the School of Medicine in the University of California, San Francisco. Nearer home he served as chairman of the medical advisory sub-committee of the Birmingham Family Planning Association (FPA) and was involved in the work of the FPA and the International Planned Parenthood Federation at national and international levels.

He also served for some years as a non-professorial staff representative on the university senate, and served on the board of postgraduate studies, the university research committee and the PhD committee. After retirement he was enabled to continue giving service as an editor through an honorary research fellowship in the Department of Pathology.

Peter Eckstein is survived by two daughters of his first wife, Beatrice Saward, whom he married in 1946. After her death in 1974, he married Annette Geale (née Boyle) in 1976, who also survives him.

## HIS HONOUR ROGER WILLIS

**Roger Willis, TD, Circuit Judge (formerly County Court Judge), 1959-81, died on April 6 aged 89. He was born on June 22, 1906.**

THE maternal great-grandfather of Roger Willis, William Blenkiron, bred two Derby winners in the 1860s. Willis inherited from him a passionate interest in racing and right up to his death had a modest wager every time the sport featured on television. He was nearly as interested in cricket, and was a lifelong member of the MCC. He spent his 89th birthday at Lord's watching the Test match.

Willis made his career as a judge. He was respected and well-liked in the profession, and displayed a robust sense of humour in court. He was also a sociable man with a wide circle of friends, many of them at the Garrick.

Roger Blenkiron Willis was the grandson of William Willis, a County Court judge and Liberal MP for Colchester. He was the son of William Outhwaite Willis, KC, in the then Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division.

He was educated at Charterhouse and his father's old college Emmanuel, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1930 and continued in practice until the outbreak of war, having joined the Middlesex Yeomanry in 1938, then Cavalry Division Signals. The 2nd Armoured Division Signals, of which he was a member, sailed on the *SS Strathallan*, arriving in Port Said in January 1940. The division went up into the Western Desert.

In March 1941 Rommel started his first push and Willis was captured with many others. He was a prisoner of war for four years, initially in Italy and then in Germany. He told amusing stories of negotiations with the Italian guards and the curious Italian he thus learnt, which caused some surprise when he spoke it on later holidays. During this period he had time to indulge his love of the theatre and, in addition to taking the leading roles in a number of prison camp productions, he had a good singing voice. He was sufficiently confident to make a recording on his return from the war. He was released at Lollar in April 1945 by an American armoured division.

After a short period in the legal department of the Home Office, he resumed his career at the Bar starting from scratch and built up a substantial practice in civil and landlord and tenant work. He was appointed a County Court judge in 1959.

He sat in various courts, among which was an appointment as deputy chairman of Middlesex Quarter Sessions. He returned to civil work after the Courts Act of 1971 and presided at Shoreditch County Court until 1981, after being invited by the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, to postpone his retirement on three occasions.

Willis was a deeply religious man and never missed a Sunday at the Royal Hospital Chapel, Chelsea. He joined in the hymns with gusto, invariably singing the tenor part.

He was married in 1933 to Joan Good, who died in 1990. He is survived by his two daughters.

## ON THIS DAY

### April 19, 1904

*Artist, art collector, gastronome and entertainer, the distinguished surgeon Sir Henry Thompson (1820-1904) did much to establish the practice of cremation "as a proper method of disposal of the dead".*

### DEATH OF SIR HENRY THOMPSON.

We regret to announce that the veteran surgeon Sir Henry Thompson died yesterday afternoon shortly before 2 o'clock at his house in Wimpole-street..

In Sir Henry Thompson the medical profession loses one of its most brilliant and most versatile members, who not only attained to European pre-eminence in a difficult and delicate branch of surgery, but also to considerable distinction in other and somewhat various walks of life . . .

Outside the work of his own profession, Thompson's most important achievement was the part he took in the establishment of cremation in this country as a proper method of disposal of the dead. He witnessed, and was much impressed by Brunetti in 1869 and 1870, and contributed an article, entitled "Cremation, the treatment of the body after death," to the *Contemporary Review* for January, 1874. In the same month a meeting was held at his house, and the following declaration was signed by all present:-

> We disapprove the present custom of burying the dead, and desire to substitute some mode which shall rapidly resolve the body into its component elements by a process which cannot offend the living, and shall render the remains absolutely innocuous. Until some better method is devised we desire to adopt that usually known as cremation.

The *Contemporary* article was replied to at length by Mr. Holland, then Medical Inspector of Burials for England and Wales, whose reply drew a rejoinder from Sir Henry, describing several experiments made by him on the bodies of animals in London and Birmingham, which proved that cremation could be easily performed without producing smoke or any unpleasant result, and leaving only a few pounds of pure white ashes. It was then decided to form a society for the purpose of promoting the practice of cremation. This was done at a meeting at Thompson's house on April 29, 1874, and the society was the first instituted, the second having been set on foot at Milan in 1876. Thompson was appointed president of the English society . . . Later sufficient money was obtained, and a crematorium was built at Woking: but its use was forbidden by Lord Cross, who was then Home Secretary, and the society was compelled to wait with such patience as it could command. Three instances of cremation in the provinces were left unnoticed by the Government, but, a body having been cremated in Wales in disregard of a prohibition from the local coroner, a prosecution was instituted, and the question came before the Law Courts in 1884. Sir James Stephen then gave his celebrated decision declaring the procedure to be legal if effected without a nuisance, and the society at once decided to perform the process publicly. The first body, that of a lady, was cremated at Woking on March 26, 1885, and the practice rapidly gained ground. Two-hundred and forty bodies were cremated there in the single year 1898. Sir Henry Thompson retained the presidency of the society to the last, and was mainly responsible for the precautions which are taken whenever there is any possibility of suspicion with regard to the cause of death . . .

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■ Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, made clear that Operation Grapes of Wrath, the bombardment of Lebanon, would continue despite the killing of nearly 100 Lebanese civilians sheltering in a United Nations base near Tyre.

The Israeli Government said Katyusha rocket-launchers had been fired from an area within 300 yards of the compound of the UN Fijian battalion and blamed Hezbollah and the Lebanese Government for the incident .................... **Pages 1, 13**

### Labour poised to curb child benefit

■ Labour is poised to scrap child benefit for a million youngsters aged between 16 and 18 and transfer the £700m it costs into improving education and training for poorer families. The proposal will be signalled in Edinburgh today by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor ....... **Pages 1, 2, 20, 21**

### Jensen apology

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has written to the parents of Louise Jensen expressing the Army's shame at her killing by three drunken British soldiers in Cyprus ........................ **Pages 1, 21**

### Asylum-seekers hit

Asylum-seekers were told in the High Court that they cannot claim council housing while waiting to hear about refugee status. The judge said he made his ruling reluctantly .......................... **Page 2**

### Racist stabbing

A black teenage student was stabbed to death at a bus stop in southeast London by a gang of white youths simply because of the colour of his skin, an Old Bailey jury was told ......... **Page 3**

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The mother and sister of John Scripps, who murdered tourists for credit cards and cash, waited outside a Singapore jail as he was due to be hanged ............. **Page 5**

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Muhammad Al-Masari, the Saudi Islamic dissident ordered out of Britain, was told that he could stay after all for at least four years ................................ **Page 6**

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More than 2,000 angry trawlermen invaded London, some arriving by boat, to demand withdrawal from the EU's common fisheries policy .......... **Page 7**

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When the IRA bombed 22 The Boltons, South Kensington, the terrorists rattled the windows of some of London's richest and most famous. Properties there have fetched £9 million .... **Page 9**

### Triumph of hope

More than 2,000 works were expected on the first day for submissions to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Last year only 1,100 of the 12,000 entries were successful ................ **Page 11**

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The Kremlin is to propose co-operation between intelligence agencies to halt the threat of nuclear materials falling into the hands of terrorists or rogue states ......................... **Pages 14, 21**

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Imran Khan is planning to hire an armed bodyguard for his wife, Jemima. She has hardly left her home in Lahore since the bomb attack on his hospital ..... **Page 15**

### Oklahoma memorial

A year after the Oklahoma bombing in which 168 people died, the family of Baylee Almon marked in private the day she would have been two .................. **Pages 16, 21**

### Officers to be shot

A group of Chinese army officers has been sentenced to be shot for "counter-revolutionary crimes" and stockpiling weapons, Western sources confirmed .... **Page 17**

### Dummy-suckers grow up into dummies

■ Babies given dummies grow up to be dumber than average. Researchers found that the use of dummies was the strongest factor linked to a child's intelligence. They may make children less receptive to outside stimuli and less able to ineract with their parents; or it may simply be that they are used by less intelligent parents ........................................................ **Page 1**

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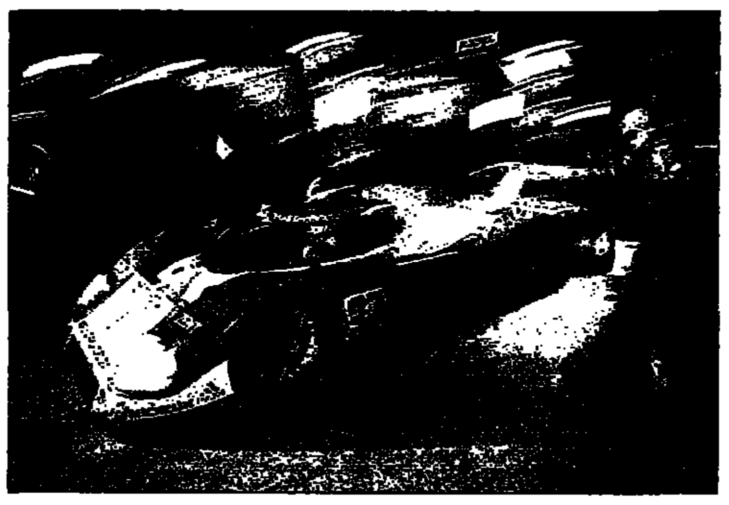

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It is urgent to reach an agreement to guarantee the security of the civilian populations of Israel and Lebanon which at the same time will respect the sovereignty of the country of the cedar — *Le Monde*

Israel would do well to remember that its sworn enemy is not all of Lebanon but the fanatics of Hezbollah. Military measures should be directed at that specific enemy — *Los Angeles Times*

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Tony Blair's silence has enabled Tories to claim that Labour has a hidden agenda. The longer he keeps his key policy decisions hidden, the more damage that charge will bring ........................**Page 21**

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The total fissile material around Murmansk is estimated to be more than a thousand times the yield of the largest French nuclear test at Mururoa ..........................**Page 21**

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War babies brought up with rationing eat fast, polish their plates clean and remember the arrival in Britain of hamburgers as a blessed relief from continual hunger, powdered egg, Woolton pies and whale steaks. The hamburger is one of the world's great dishes ......... **Page 20**

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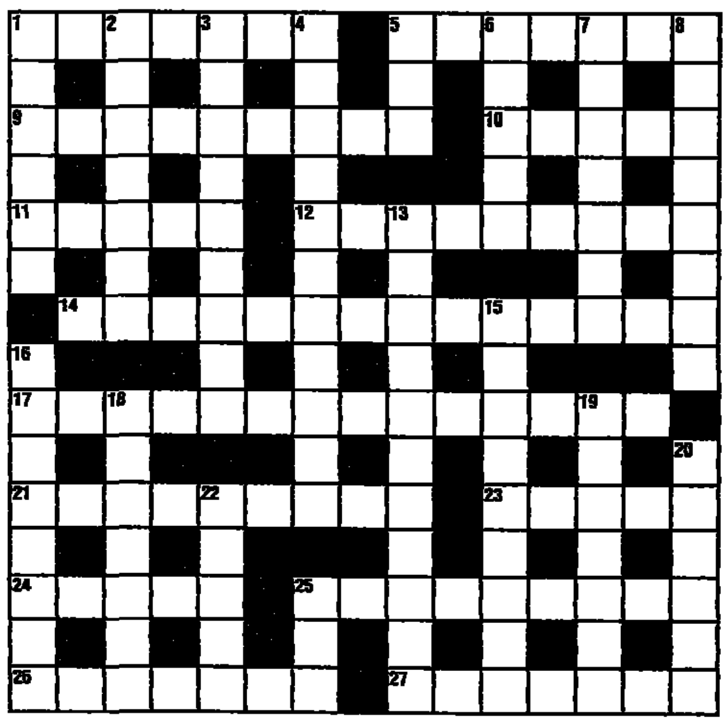

**ACROSS**

1 Disorderly male with case in Jumbo? Never! (7).
5 Go back to find right exit (7).
9 Showing cheek, being clean-shaven (4-5).
10 A sort of honour king gives Winsor's heroine (5).
11 I'll be found in one spot – that's natural (5).
12 Minor characters unheard in High Court? (5,4).
14 Plant producing lighting for Shanghai, say (7,7).
17 It began to rain hard, being blustery as well (4,3,7).
21 Composed without any frills? (9).
23 Soldiers put back in first cavalry unit (5).
24 Copy a king, being upright (5).
25 Professional cricketer, one on trial (9).
26 10% taking oral, with leaders out to get entrance (7).
27 Entrance of French star, for instance (7).

**DOWN**

1 It takes a pound to secure rises, though (6).
2 Choir involved with NW cathedral city (7).
3 Fast-moving English river within catchment area (6,3).
4 Small boat makes sea creatures dive (6-5).
5 Rose after 10 (3).
6 White of egg has a hard look, they say (5).
7 Hold me up, provide support (7).
8 Vagrant gets near Troy, perhaps (8).
13 I'll accept that fine after spring, too (4,3,4).
15 Evening paper taken up by almost everyone (9).
16 Put on spur, but not the second (8).
18 Soldiers trapped by river in flood (7).
19 I call round towards evening (7).
20 This was instrumental in splitting leaders of Spanish and French (6).
22 Tree sheltering a king, a devout man (5).
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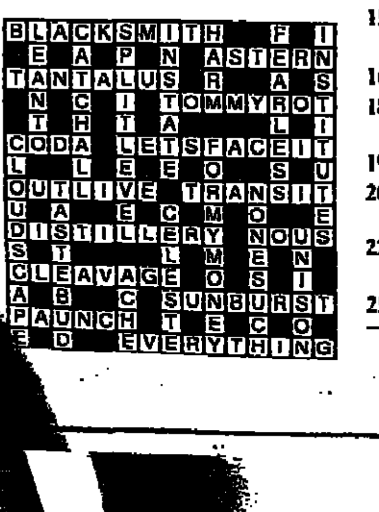

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| **London & SE traffic, roadworks** | |
| Area within M25 | 731 |
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| Kent/Surrey/Sussex/Hants | 734 |
| M25 London Orbital only | 736 |
| **National traffic and roadworks** | |
| National motorways | 737 |
| West Country | 738 |
| Wales | 739 |
| Midlands | 740 |
| East Anglia | 741 |
| North-west England | 742 |
| North-east England | 743 |
| Scotland | 744 |
| Northern Ireland | 745 |

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## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Leconfield, Humberside, 15C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.67in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 9.6hr

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## FORECAST

☐ **General:** southern parts of England and Wales will be rather cloudy. Though there may be some brighter breaks, there will also be outbreaks of mainly light rain from time to time. It will be mild, but with a moderate breeze.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, heaviest and most frequent in the west. Many eastern regions will stay dry. There will be a moderate to fresh south to southwesterly breeze.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** rather cloudy, some brighter breaks but also some spots of rain. Wind southwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N:** sunny intervals and generally dry. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** sunny spells and generally dry conditions. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** sunny intervals and showers, some quite heavy. Wind southwesterly fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** warm, thundery air will spread from the south over the weekend.

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | | | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | 4.1 | 0.30 | 12 | 54 | r | Littlehmptn | 2.1 | - | 12 | 54 | b |
| Anglesey | 2.8 | 0.25 | 10 | 50 | r | Liverpool | X | | | | |
| Aspatria | 5.1 | 0.30 | 12 | 54 | r | London | 3.0 | - | 13 | 55 | c |
| Aviemore | 4.0 | 0.07 | 11 | 52 | sh | Lowestoft | 7.2 | - | 11 | 52 | s |
| Belfast | 4.9 | 0.19 | 13 | 55 | sh | Manchester | 1.9 | 0.24 | 13 | 55 | r |
| Birmingham | X | | | | | Margate | 7.3 | - | 15 | 59 | b |
| Bognor R | 4.4 | - | 13 | 55 | b | Minehead | 2.7 | 0.06 | 14 | 57 | d |
| Bournem'th | 2.2 | 0.01 | 12 | 54 | d | Morecambe | 2.2 | 0.35 | 10 | 50 | r |
| Bristol | X | | | | | Newcastle | 0.1 | 0.01 | 11 | 52 | r |
| Buxton | 1.5 | 0.12 | 10 | 50 | r | Newquay | X | | | | |
| Cardiff | 2.5 | 0.07 | 12 | 54 | r | Norwich | 5.0 | - | 14 | 57 | b |
| Clacton | 9.6 | - | 10 | 50 | s | Nottingham | X | | | | |
| Cromer | 6.5 | - | 15 | 59 | b | Oxford | 3.7 | - | 14 | 57 | c |
| Eastbourne | 6.1 | - | 12 | 54 | b | Plymouth | X | | | | |
| Edinburgh | 6.3 | 0.16 | 12 | 54 | sh | Poole | 2.3 | 0.01 | 14 | 57 | c |
| Eskdalemuir | 0.7 | 0.67 | 8 | 46 | sh | Prestatyn | X | 0.03 | 12 | 54 | r |
| Exmouth | 4.3 | - | 12 | 54 | c | Ross-o-wye | 1.6 | 0.02 | 13 | 55 | r |
| Falmouth | X | | | | | Ryde | 5.0 | 0.01 | 14 | 57 | b |
| Fishguard | - | 0.40 | 9 | 48 | r | Salcombe | 1.8 | 0.01 | 13 | 55 | c |
| Folkestone | 9.1 | - | 12 | 54 | b | Sandown | 4.0 | - | 13 | 55 | c |
| Glasgow | 3.8 | 0.35 | 12 | 54 | sh | Sauntn Snd | 2.6 | 0.15 | 13 | 55 | r |
| Guernsey | X | | | | | Scarboro' | X | | | | |
| Hastings | 7.0 | - | 12 | 54 | s | Southend | 5.8 | - | X | X | s |
| Hayling I. | 2.1 | - | 11 | 52 | c | Southport | 1.0 | 0.22 | 10 | 50 | r |
| Herne Bay | 6.0 | - | 14 | 57 | b | Southsea | 1.4 | - | 13 | 55 | c |
| Hove | 5.7 | - | 11 | 52 | b | St. Ives | X | | | | |
| Hunstanton | 5.5 | - | 14 | 57 | b | Stornoway | 1.7 | 0.08 | 9 | 48 | sh |
| Ilfracombe | X | | | | | Swanage | 4.3 | 0.01 | 12 | 54 | b |
| Isle of Man | 8.1 | 0.17 | 11 | 52 | s | Teignmouth | 5.1 | 0.01 | 14 | 57 | b |
| Jersey | 6.7 | - | 14 | 57 | b | Tiree | 6.3 | 0.40 | 10 | 50 | sh |
| Kinloss | 6.6 | [illegible] | 14 | 57 | b | Torquay | 3.6 | 0.01 | 14 | 57 | b |
| Leeds | 1.9 | 0.16 | 14 | 57 | r | Tynemouth | - | 0.02 | 12 | 54 | r |
| Lerwick | 3.0 | 0.33 | 7 | 45 | r | Ventnor | 3.7 | - | 11 | 52 | c |
| Leuchars | 6.6 | 0.37 | 13 | 55 | sh | Weymouth | 3.7 | 0.01 | 12 | 54 | b |

## ABROAD

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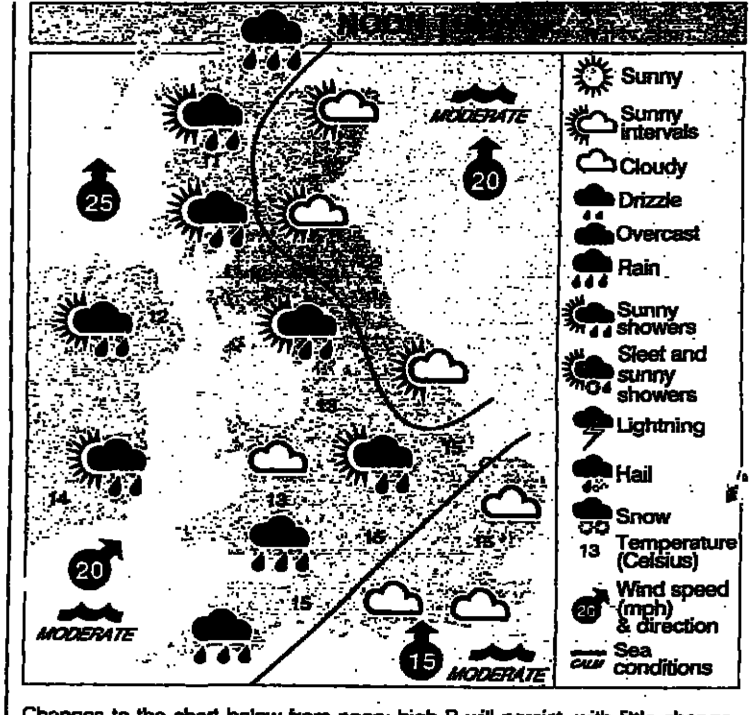
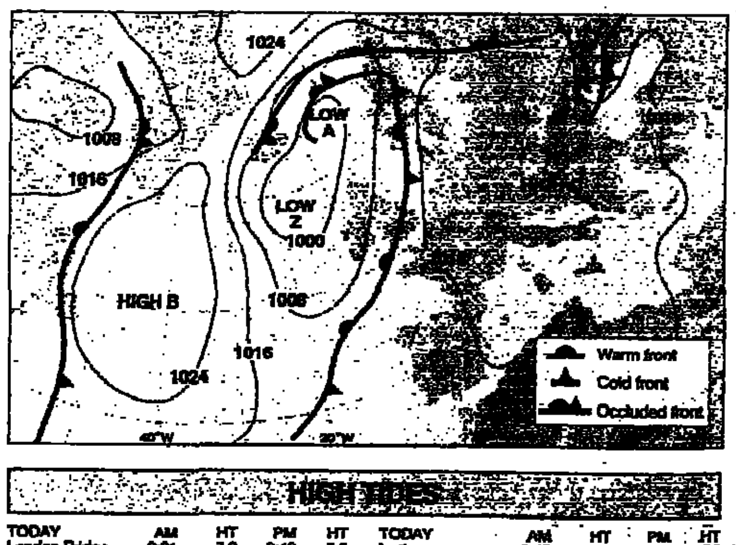
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 17 | 63 | s | Corfu | 10 | 50 | f | Majorca | 17 | 63 | d | Rome | 16 | 61 | s |
| Akrotiri | 20 | 68 | f | C'phagn | 11 | 52 | s | Malaga | 19 | 66 | f | S Fr'sco | 16 | 61 | f |
| Alex'dria | 29 | 84 | s | Dublin | 11 | 52 | r | Malta | 15 | 59 | c | S Paulo | 19 | 66 | c |
| Algiers | 21 | 70 | s | Dubrovnik | 11 | 52 | c | Melb'rne | 16 | 61 | c | Salzburg | 10 | 50 | f |
| Amst'dm | 18 | 64 | c | Faro | 19 | 66 | f | Mexico C | X | | | Santiago | 26 | 79 | s |
| Athens | 17 | 63 | s | Florence | 19 | 66 | s | Miami | 26 | 79 | s | Seoul | 16 | 61 | f |
| B Aires | 16 | 61 | f | Frankfurt | 16 | 61 | s | Milan | 17 | 63 | s | Sing'por | 33 | 91 | f |
| Bahrain | 22 | 72 | f | Funchal | 18 | 64 | f | Montreal | 5 | 41 | - | St'kholm | 11 | 52 | s |
| Bangkok | 35 | 95 | f | Geneva | 13 | 55 | s | Moscow | 10 | 50 | f | Strasb'rg | 13 | 55 | s |
| Barbados | 29 | 82 | f | Gibraltar | 19 | 66 | s | Munich | 10 | 50 | f | Sydney | 21 | 70 | s |
| Barcelona | 20 | 68 | f | Helsinki | 7 | 45 | f | N Delhi | 34 | 93 | s | Tangier | 22 | 72 | s |
| Beirut | 20 | 68 | f | Hong K | 25 | 77 | f | N York | 9 | 48 | c | Tel Aviv | 21 | 70 | s |
| Belgrade | 2 | 36 | sl | Innsbrck | 12 | 54 | s | Nairobi | 24 | 75 | f | Tenerife | 26 | 79 | s |
| Berlin | 14 | 57 | s | Istanbul | 11 | 52 | f | Naples | 16 | 61 | f | Tokyo | 16 | 61 | s |
| Bermuda | 19 | 66 | d | Jeddah | 36 | 97 | f | Nice | 17 | 63 | s | Toronto | 7 | 45 | s |
| Biarritz | 22 | 72 | s | Jo'burg | 17 | 63 | c | Oslo | 7 | 45 | f | Tunis | 18 | 64 | c |
| Bordo'x | 19 | 66 | s | L Angels | 18 | 64 | s | Paris | 16 | 61 | c | Valencia | 21 | 70 | s |
| Brussels | 17 | 63 | s | L Palmas | 21 | 70 | s | Peking | 16 | 61 | s | Vanc'ver | 11 | 52 | c |
| Budapst | 10 | 50 | c | Le Touqt | 16 | 61 | s | Perth | 27 | 81 | s | Venice | 15 | 59 | s |
| Cairo | 33 | 91 | s | Lisbon | 22 | 72 | s | Prague | 10 | 50 | s | Vienna | 9 | 48 | f |
| Cape Tn | 20 | 68 | s | Locarno | X | | | Reykjavik | 8 | 46 | c | Warsaw | 8 | 46 | c |
| Ch'church | 26 | 79 | s | Luxembg | 13 | 55 | s | Rhodes | 17 | 63 | f | Wash'ton | 13 | 55 | f |
| Chicago | 14 | 57 | s | Luxor | 30 | 86 | s | Rio de J | 24 | 75 | f | Wel'ngton | 19 | 66 | s |
| Cologne | 17 | 63 | s | Madrid | 21 | 70 | s | Riyadh | 22 | 72 | f | Zurich | 11 | 52 | s |

Temperatures at midday Wednesday local time. X – not available

## NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high B will persist, with little change. Lows Z and A will drift northeast and fill slowly. High C will drift east and intensify



## HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT | TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 2:21 | 7.2 | 2:48 | 7.3 | Leith | 3:16 | 5.5 | 3:36 | 5.6 |
| Aberdeen | 1:55 | 4.2 | 2:08 | 4.2 | Liverpool | - | - | 12:03 | 9.6 |
| Avonmouth | 8:00 | 13.8 | 8:16 | 13.6 | Lowestoft | 10:18 | 2.4 | 10:31 | 2.4 |
| Belfast | - | - | 12:04 | 3.6 | Margate | 0:43 | 4.8 | 1:09 | 4.8 |
| Cardiff | 7:55 | 12.8 | 8:13 | 12.6 | Milford Haven | 6:57 | 7.1 | 7:14 | 7.0 |
| Devonport | 6:35 | 5.5 | 6:52 | 5.4 | Newquay | 5:44 | 7.1 | 6:02 | 7.0 |
| Dover | 11:59 | 6.8 | - | - | Oban | 6:23 | 4.0 | 6:32 | 3.9 |
| Dublin (N Wall) | 0:07 | 3.9 | 12:24 | 4.0 | Penzance | 5:22 | 5.7 | 5:40 | 5.6 |
| Falmouth | 6:00 | 5.4 | 6:20 | 5.2 | Portland | 7:40 | 2.2 | 7:58 | 2.2 |
| Greenock | 1:09 | 3.4 | 1:34 | 3.5 | Portsmouth | - | - | 12:14 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 0:16 | 4.0 | 12:43 | 4.1 | Shoreham | - | - | 12:17 | 6.4 |
| Holyhead | 11:05 | 5.7 | 11:23 | 5.5 | Southampton | 11:31 | 4.6 | 11:53 | 4.5 |
| Hull (Albert D) | 7:01 | 7.5 | 7:13 | 7.7 | Swansea | 7:08 | 9.7 | 7:23 | 9.6 |
| Ilfracombe | 6:48 | 9.5 | 7:04 | 9.4 | Tees | 4:17 | 5.4 | 4:32 | 5.4 |
| King's Lynn | 6:58 | 7.0 | 7:17 | 7.0 | Walton-on-Naze | 0:14 | 4.2 | 12:40 | 4.2 |

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## HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.56 am
Sun sets: 8.04 pm
Moon sets 9.55 pm
Moon rises 6.52 am
First quarter April 25

London 8.04 pm to 5.54 am
Bristol 8.14 pm to 6.04 am
Edinburgh 8.28 pm to 5.55 am
Manchester 8.18 pm to 5.57 am
Penzance 8.23 pm to 6.18 am

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